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FROM THE PRESIDENT..

GREETINGS TO FELLOW NUMISMATISTS:

I hope everyone had a great holiday and are preparing for a new year in which we will wittness the resurrection of numismatics along with the economy. Special efforts are underway by MSNA to improve communications among its members and member clubs. We hope to bring more educational seminars to the various areas and help member clubs sponsor their own shows. We are currently helping the Catonsville Coin Club sponsor a one day show at the Quality Inn in Baltimore on March 27. We would like to work out similar arraignments with other clubs outside the Baltimore area.

We are also updating our speakers bureau and make more programs available for member clubs. We have sent letters to each club requesting information and will hopefully be better able to respond to your needs when this information is compiled. We need the assistance and the cooperation of all the clubs to be effective.

Plans for our 1983 Convention are well underway under the guidance of Bob Ruby- our perpetual show chairman! A contract has been signed with the Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center in New Carrollton and we hope to hold a large 135 bourse three day show on the first weekend in September.

We welcome the Alexandria (Va) Coin Club as a member of MSNA and are looking forward to jointly sponsoring an educational seminar in Northern Virginia. Alexandria will also help sponsor our convention this year. Working together we hope to expand the numismatic horizons in the Northern Virginia area.

A change in our constitution and by-laws provides each member club to have their club representative serve as an official Board member of MSNA. Each club should send their club representatives name and address to Carl Shrader as soon as possible. We welcome your representation.

Please let us hear from you as sharing ideas is a great part of our hobby. Working and sharing together we should have a great year.

Will

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SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
prepared by CARL M.
SHRADER, Secretary

The Executive Board of MSNA met in the Engineering Conference Room of the Careers Center of the Anne Arundel Community College on 14 November 1982. In attendance were:

Will Mumford - President
Tom Reichelderfer - Vice President
Carl Shrader - Secretary
Bill Swagler - Treasurer
Bill Ayres - Past President
Bob Ruby - Carroll County Coin Cl
Greg Ruby - Catonsville Coin Club
Jesse Martin - Alexandria Coin Cl

Catonsville Coin Club has accepted the MSNA offer to hold a one day show under MSNA auspices, at the Quality Inn, York Road, on Sunday 27 March 1983. Discussion centered around the location as other Coin Club's hold their shows there. The Board desires another location to reach more collectors in other areas, especially around Catonsville. Will Mumford is to confer with Phil Greenslet and inform him that two other shows will be at or near the York Road location on 13 March. Mumford expressed a desire to control some of the local club actions if MSNA provides the backing for the show.

MSNA will put together a set of guidelines and restrictions for future mini-shows. No policy was set before the current proposal but items such as educational forums, supply & cost of trophies for awards, plaques, raffles, finances (who handles show income & outgo of funds), location and security must be considered. The Mini-Show Committee - made up of Phil Greenslet, Greg Ruby, Millard Hajek and Will Mumford were charged to do the study and bring recommendations to the board.

Will critiqued our Fall Seminar: Great Show, adequate facilities. 29 attendees. Maryland TAMS, with 13 present, took the attendance prize. 13 clubs were represented and we had one man from Florida in attendance (and it wasn't John Henry). We voted to contribute $50 to the Middle River Recreation Council for the use of the facilities and that brought the total cost to $279. Will thanked Bill Swagler for co-ordinating the affair; Bill in turn offered the members of the board a cracker and cheese snack that was leftover from the seminar.

The 1983 convention to be held at New Carrollton was discussed in detail. Jesse Martin - President of the Alexandria Coin Club, our newest member club - was introduced to the board. Alexandria, Cheverly and Andrews Air Force Base Coin Clubs have first refusal to co-host the show. The show will be held on 2 thru 4 September 1983. Bob Ruby has accepted the General Chairmanship

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

13 Mar: Associated Coin Clubs - American Legion Hall - Parkville

27 Mar: Catonsville Coin Club - Towson Quality Inn - York Road - Exit 26 on the Beltway

22-24: Apr: WMPG TRI Club, Sheraton Inn, New Carrollton

23 - 24 Apr: Western Maryland Coin Club - Route 40, LaVale - show opens 10:00 am daily

2 - 4 Sep: MSNA annual convention and show: Sheraton Motor Inn, Capitol Beltway, New Carrollton. Host clubs to include Alexandria & others who have not yet submitted request.

18 Sep: Carroll County Coin Club, Reese Community Fire Hall, Md Rt 140, 3 miles East of Westminister

Mid Oct: Associated Coin Clubs Fall Show Victory Villa Community Center, Martin Bvld & Compass Road, Middle River

12 - 13 Nov: Western Maryland Coin Club Fall Show - LaVale

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August 1984: MSNA annual Convention & show, Sheraton Inn, New Carrollton

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August 1985: MSNA will support the ANA Convention at the Convention Center, Baltimore

NATIONAL COIN WEEK:
17 thru 23 April 1983. Theme "Numismatics - Explore Our Proud Heritage."

1983 dues have been coming in at a good rate. I have about twenty on hand for which I will send membership cards out as soon as the bulletin goes out. For those few who have not yet paid - now is the time. Check or money order for $4 to W.R. Ayres, Box 2, Fork, Md, 21051. ($10 for clubs)

As has been reported; and will be reported again and we hope many times again, a meeting was held on Oct 27 at the Sheraton Inn on the D.C. capitol beltway, to explore the possibility of holding regular shows in the D.C. area in conjunction with the local clubs. These shows and the closer working relationships with those local clubs would provide better numismatic support to those clubs and the entire membership. Present at this historic meeting and shown above: top to bottom; left to right: Will Mumford; Bill Lenz; Bill Swagler and Bob Ruby - MSNA. Bill Ayres - MSNA, Bob Colcock & Art Snyder - Cheverly Coin Club and Carl Shrader - MSNA. Howard Daniel & Jesse Martin - Alexandria Coin Club and Al Johnbrier - Andrews Air Force Coin Club. Not pictured is Earl Blaisdel.

## OUR MEMBER CLUBS REPORT

ALEXANDRIA COIN CLUB; as of 30 November had a total of 182 regular, 15 junior and 8 honorary members. At their meetings one of their door prizes is limited to the junior members. 1983 officers were elected in December and are as follows

President - Jesse Martin
1st V.P. (Education) - Dan Ratner
2nd V.P. (Coin Shows) - Howard Daniel
3rd V.P. (Publicity) - Len Harsel
Secretary - By Brown
Treasurer - Frank Pelgiano
Asst Secretary/Asst Treasurer - Max Ratner

Alexandria Coin Club meets at the Chinquapin Adult Recreation Center, 3210 King St, Alexandria, Va.

Member (and VP) Len Harsel is recuperating at home from heart surgery.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COIN CLUB, at their December meeting, had a number of members give presentations on their "other hobbies." Milton Ford presented a Kentucky rifle and frontier artifacts. Sandra Emme various bottle openers; Ron Pippin old fishing flies; David Wilder talked on calculator programs; Rick Davis the gleanings from metal detecting; Drake Allen old ammunition; Bob Colcock some old books by Jean Shepherd and George Ade; Joe Clarke Pearl Harbor medals and his milk bottle collection; Ken Lucas his police badges and Carl Shrader some of his old recordings collection (sounds like that was a right interesting meeting.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COIN CLUB were presented with a numismatic quiz at their December meeting by Simcha Kuritzky. Prizes were awarded for correct answers.

1983 officers for MCCC are as follows:

President - David J. McGuinness
1st V.P. - Ed Kingsley
2nd V.P. - K. Bogley
Secretary - Simcha Kuritzky
Treasurer - Fred Dunn
Sgt-at-Arms - John Herman
Board of Directors: Walt Miller, K. Smyth, Nick Lambros, John Lewis and Herb Hall

## OUR MEMBER CLUBS REPORT

CATONSVILLE COIN CLUB will have a new editor for their bulletin in January. Andy Bulleri will replace Millard Hajek.

PERRY HALL COIN CLUB held their election of officers at the January meeting.

President - Bob Schultz
Vice President - Joe Miller
Secretary - Grace Honeywell
Treasurer - Don Smith

HARFORD COIN HUSKERS will have the same officers for 1983 and they did for 1982:

President - Harry Whitsel
Vice President - Lauton Cook
Secretary - Bill Ayres
Treasurer - Don McKinstry

HCH also report the loss of long time member - Raymond Gordon. Ray, who was at one time charter member number 50 of MSNA passed away on Christmas Eve, 1982.

MARYLAND AMUSEMENT TOKEN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION has informed us, thru their Executive Officer Bob Johnson, that they will terminate their activities in the near future.

ASSOCIATED COIN CLUBS, made up of our four member clubs: Hamilton, Perry Hall and Middle River Coin Clubs; and Harford Coin Huskers report their satisfaction with the results of their fall show. The meeting of Maryland TAMS and MSNA were well attended and gave our show the numismatic flavor which most "Coin Shows" seem to lack.

CARROLL COUNTY COIN CLUB will hold their 13th annual show on Sunday, 18 Sep 1983, at the Reese Community Fire Hall, Md Rt 140,3 miles east of Westminister. No admission; hours 10 am to 5 pm, gold raffle at 5:00 pm.

We note in Numismatic News that John Henry placed second in Medals & Tokens with his display "Bowman Tokens", at the FUN convention in Orlando. Someone we know maybe?

## MSNA Board - 14 Nov

of the show. Motion was made to also invite Baltimore and Colonial Clubs to Co-host this show as their bid in 1982 could not be accepted. Letters of invitation are to be written to them.

Three gold coins with a maximum cost of $900 in fine to EF are to be purchased for the raffle. Carl Shrader requested Bob carefully schedule meeting of splinter groups so maximum use of the fewest number of rooms may be made. The auction is to make use of part of the room north of the bourse area - splitting with exhibits and snacks. Carl will coordinate the hotel contract with Bob and will sign for MSNA. We will have 125 rooms reserved for dealer use.

Hank Schab, who is working on our 1983 souvenir sheets is to mail two of our 1982 sheets to each of our member clubs for them to use in whatever manner they desire.

Discussion of the ANA Convention was delayed until the January meeting.

The President asked the Secretary to update the Speaker's Bureau and coordinate the member clubs information in the same correspondence, mail each club a note on the New Carrollton Show, revised By-Laws and get a Clup Rep appointed.

For the Maryland Numismatist Editor Ayres plans to do a profile on each Board Member in future issues.

Dues notices are to be in the mail within the next two weeks.

Next meeting of the Board to be held on 23 Jan 1983 at the Engineering Conference Room of Careers Center, Anne Arundel Community College.

## NEW MEMBERS TO MSNA

We welcome to membership:

511 - Bryce F. Doxzon from Catonsville Coin Club

512 - John D. Pryor from Baltimore Coin Club

513 - Miss Edna Ashline from Colonial Coin Club

## CARROLL COUNTY COIN CLUB

### NOVEMBER MEETING 1982

Our meeting was called to order by President Bob Fowler on Monday, Nov. 22nd. After taking care of our normal business, Program Chairman, Greg Ruby introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Mr. Willard Mumford. Will presented us with an excellent slide program on "Civil War Tokens". At the end of his program, Will drew a number for our progressive door prize (for members only). Care to guess who's number he drew?? That's right, Jim Hirtle's. Jim was the winner of three Morgan Dollars. NOTE: at the 1981 C.C.C.C. Show, Will also drew the numbers for our Gold and Sivler Raffle. At this time, he drew Jim's name twice out of four tries. Jim got eight Silver Dollars that time.

### DECEMBER MEETING 1982

Our meeting was called to order by President Bob Fowler on Monday, Dec. 27th. After our normal business, we had our annual election of officers. The 1983 Officers are as follows:

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| PRESIDENT | JAYNE DATILLIO |
| VICE-PRES | DONALD ZAUCHE |
| SECRETARY | EVELYN von GUNTEN |
| TREASURER | SAM von GUNTEN |

At this meeting the membership also voted to select their Numismatic of the Year. After a carefull counting of the ballots, Greg Ruby won over his Dad. For this honor Greg was presented with a copy of the "Morgan and Peace Silver Dollars" book by Van Allen and Mallis. Seven members of the club received a 1921 Morgan Dollar for perfect attendance during 1982. At the close of the meeting, everyone enjoyed the good food at the Christmas Party.

## MEMBER CLUBS IN GOOD STANDING

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| Alexandria Coin Club<br>Attn: Col J. H. Martin<br>6109 Sarah Ave<br>Springfield, Va, 22152 | Colonial Coin Club<br>P.O. Box 384<br>Annapolis, Md, 21404 *** | Old Token & Medal Society<br>P.O. Box 3273<br>Balto, Md, 21226 |
| Baltimore Coin Club<br>627 Hollings ferry Rd<br>Balto, Md, 21227 *** | Fort Coin Club<br>P.O. Box 157<br>Odenton, Md, 21113 *** | Middle River Coin Club<br>P.O. Box 4902<br>Balto, Md, 21220 *** |
| Belmar Coin Club<br>P.O. Box 332<br>Bel Air, Md, 1014 *** | Hamilton Coin Club<br>c/o Al Mills<br>3944 Kenyon Ave<br>Balto, Md, 21213 *** | Montgomery County Coin Cl<br>Box 7087<br>Silver Spring, Md, 20907 |
| Cambridge Coin Club<br>Box 932<br>Cambridge, Md,21613 *** | Harford Coin Huskers<br>Box 2<br>Fork, Md, 21051 *** | Perry Hall Coin Club<br>Box 185<br>Chase, Md, 210127 *** |
| Carroll County Coin Cl<br>4350 Nusbaum Road<br>Taneytown, M d, 21787** | Interstate Coin Club<br>P.O. Box 1901<br>Hagerstown, Md, 21740 | Prince George's County<br>Coin Club<br>P.O. Box 2065<br>Hyattsville, Md, 20784 |
| Catonsville Coin Club<br>P.O. Box 3273<br>Catonsville, Md,21228*** | Kent Coin Club<br>P.O. Box 857<br>Dover, Delaware, 19901 | Salisbury Coin Club<br>P.O. Box 2033<br>Salisbury, Md, 21801 *** |
| Cheverly Coin Club<br>P.O. Box 20659<br>Hyattsville, Md, 20784 | Maryland Nu mismatic Society:<br>P.O. Box 454<br>Randallstown, Md, 21133 *** | Western Maryland Coin Cl<br>1260 Vocke Road<br>LaVale, Md, 21502 *** |

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NUMISMATIC SPECIALTY_____ OTHER NUMISMATIC AFFILIATION_____

SIGNATURE_____

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A fee of $10.00 (Club Memership) $4.00 (individual Membership) or $2.00 (junior membership) must accompany this application for current calendar dues.
Send completed application and your check to: William R. Ayres, Jr., Chairman, Membership Committee, Box 88 Fork, Maryland, 21051

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# The State of Maryland

*Proclamation*
*from the*
*Office of the Governor*

COIN WEEK

APRIL 17-23, 1983

WHEREAS, Coins and currency form a universal part of the [illegible] peoples; and

WHEREAS, The American Numismatic Association, a non profit [illegible] founded in 1891, and chartered by a special Act of Congress in 1912, is observing the week of April 17-23, 1983, as "National Coin Week"; and

WHEREAS, The members of this and kindred associations [illegible] promote educational and fraternal relations and [illegible] interests of young and old in a subject that is [illegible] and instructive as well as valuable in encouraging [illegible]

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do [illegible] proclaim April 17-23, 1983 as COIN WEEK in Maryland, and commend this observance to all our citizens.

Given [illegible] my Hand and the Great [illegible] of Maryland, this 21st day of March [illegible] in the Year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Eighty Three.

Harry Hughes
Governor

Fred L. Wineholt
Secretary of State

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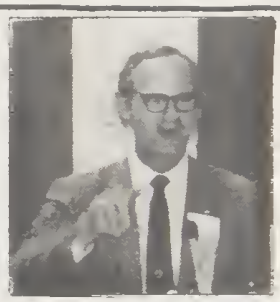

GREETINGS:

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT...

It seems odd not to be welcoming you to our annual April convention, but plans are under full steam for an even greater show in September at the New Carrollton Marriott.. Alexandria Coin Club, Andrews Air Force Base Coin Club, Cheverly Coin Club, Colonial Coin Club, and the Baltimore Coin Club are the official host clubs working with General Chairman, Bob Ruby. If you are a member of one of these clubs you have a great opportunity to get involved in what promises to be our greatest show ever. The Educational Program will be greatly expanded under the direction of Dave Wilder as he is lining up an impressive array of numismatic talent.

The auction will again be conducted by Richard McLaughlin of Vienna, Va. and numerous clubs are planning to hold meetings in conjunction with the show. Make sure you check the Convention issue of your Maryland Numismatist for the schedule of events and try to attend several special interest group meetings. They usually have programs of their own and might just open up a whole new numismatic world for you.

The Young Numismatists program again should be one of the highlights of the show. Phil Greenslet, along with a representative from each host club will put this program together. Encourage your young members to attend as it costs nothing and the world of numismatics is explored and we kick in a free lunch to boot! Invite a couple juniors to ride with you as you attend on Saturday as transportation is usually the big hang-up for juniors.

Exhibits and displays have always been outstanding and this years show should be even better. Start now to build your exhibit and share your collection with the rest of us. All exhibitors receive a plaque and are treated to a free Awards Breakfast on Sunday morning which is always one of the highlights of the show. All in all it should be a great show so mark your calander now and plan some involvement.

We are very much interested in up-grading the quality of the Maryland Numismatist and ask that you consider writing

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an article for publication. We need articles to make our journal a real journal. Please take some time to share your interests with others. Our journal is what YOU make it as it reflects the thoughts and interests of Maryland numismatists. We welcome your input and who knows you might just land up with our Literary Award which goes to the author of the best article in the journal. Put your literary hat on and give it a try!

Govenor Hughes has again designated April 17-23,1983, as Coin Week in Maryland, and commended this observance to all our citizens. I hope you are doing something special for Coin Week.

Coin collecting is making a big come-back so now is the time to launch again your numismatic offensive. Attend your local coin shows and become active in your local coin club. That's where the fun and fellowship of coin collecting emerge and adds new dementions to your collecting pleasure. I love collecting coins and hope you enjoy it as much as I....

Best always in numismatics,

Will

Will Mumford

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

As President Mumford has sta ted in his letter it is most unusual not to be talking about our own show. We do however have our "Coin Week" proclamations and we do have a show to bra g about. Shown at the upper right of this page is Walter Miller, General Chairman of the WMPG TRI-CLUB show being held on 22 thru 24 April. This show will have everything we expect our clubs to have: Exhibits, Speakers Young Numismatist Program door prizes and a major auction by Frank and Laurese Byrd Katen. A wooden flat shown elsewhere in this issue will be given at the door. Walt will be assisted by members of the group to include some who are well known to all of us. Joe and Mae Clarke, Carl Shrader and Earl Blaisdell are familiar faces to any who have worked with any of the area shows. Many splinter groups will hold annual or regional meetings in conjunction with this show. Don't miss it.

Three awards may be given out at the MSNA convention in September. One of these may be the Henry Granofsky award for the best article printed in the Numismatist. We have a fine article in this issue by Simcha Kuritsky. How about some of you other budding writters sending something along. It does not have to be a major article; interesting and informative count too. Another is the John B. Henry trophy for member ship. Get your club members to join MSNA. Don't let Harford Coin Huskers walk away with this one again.

# Proclamation

BY

MAYOR WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER

DESIGNATING APRIL 17-23, 1983

AS

"NATIONAL COIN WEEK" IN BALTIMORE

WHEREAS, the American Numismatic Association was founded in 1891 to promote greater popular interest in the science of numismatology; and

WHEREAS, every piece of currency has a monetary and a historical value and plays an intricate part in the lives of all peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore District of the American Numismatic Association has encouraged Baltimoreans to advance and promote the study of coins, medals, paper money, tokens and related numismatic items for education and enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, Baltimore organizations and coin shops will promote numismatics during this week each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, do hereby proclaim April 17-23, 1983 as "NATIONAL COIN WEEK" IN BALTIMORE, and do urge all citizens to visit their local museum or historical society whose exhibits depict the numismatic heritage of their area.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Baltimore to be affixed this seventeenth day of April, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three.

William Donald Schaefer

Mayor

# PROCLAMATION
# by
# The County Executive, Baltimore County

DESIGNATING APRIL 17-23, 1983

COIN WEEK

WHEREAS, since the beginnings of recorded history, mankind has used imprinted metal objects as mediums of exchange in the public marketplace; and

WHEREAS, whether these coins come from the ancient world or from relatively modern times, they make history come alive again by allowing us to touch and hold an artifact from another era; and

WHEREAS, because of this, coin collecting is a hobby which is enjoyed by millions of Americans, and promotes an understanding of both our nation's heritage and the importance of historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, the American Numismatic Association, chartered in 1912, has since 1925 sponsored "National Coin Week" annually to familiarize the non-collecting public with the pleasures and value of collecting coins; and

WHEREAS, as National Coin Week is celebrated across the country, it is fitting and proper to recognize our local numismatists, and the contributions they make to the understanding of our history and culture:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donald P. Hutchinson, as County Executive of Baltimore County, do hereby proclaim April 17-23, 1983

COIN WEEK

in Baltimore County, and do urge local citizens to avail themselves of the opportunities provided during this week to learn more about the art of coin collecting.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Baltimore County to be affixed this twenty-eighth day of February, in the year one thousand, nine hundred and eighty-three.

Donald P. Hutchinson
County Executive

ATTEST:

Patricia L Zirkin
Executive Secretary

A Guide to Identifying Modern Middle Eastern Coins
by Simcha Kuritzky

Part One: Introduction and numerals

Coins can be an inexpensive means of travelling the world. Other cultures, lands, and languages can be at your fingertips for only a few dollars. Strange alphabets, however, often discourage collectors from learning about their coins. The purpose of this series is to identify the many non-English legends and devices found on modern Middle Eastern coins.

The alphabet used by all the nations of the Middle East at some point in time is Arabic. Like other semitic alphabets, it is written from right to left, with most vowels omitted. The Arabic letters are written connected to each other, and thus they are altered slightly depending on their position in the word. In addition, many letters are altered for aesthetic purposes, making many legends difficult to translate. This series gives legends in their formal or "book" form.

Numbers are easier to translate than words. They are distinct and written left to right. The Arabic numerals and the spelled out equivalents in Arabic, Persian, or Hindi are given below:

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| | | awd | | nanti | | | | | |
| 3 | ٣ | تيگ | tiga | ثلث | thelth | سه | seh | | |
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by Simcha Kuritzky

Part Two: Issuing authorities

Perhaps the piece of information most often encountered on a coin is the name or title of the issuer, whether it be a nation, bank, ruler, or city. It is also the most useful piece of information to identify a coin with. Future articles will list the names of different issuers; this one lists the different types of issuers.

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| بلد<br>dlb | beled<br>city | حكومة<br>tmukh | hokumat<br>government | صاحب<br>bhas | sahib<br>lord | نكري<br>irkn | nekri<br>state |
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| بنك<br>knb | bank<br>bank | سلطنة<br>tntls | sultinat<br>sultinate | منصور<br>rusnm | monsur<br>conqueror | مدينة<br>tnidm | medinat<br>city |
| دولة<br>tlud | daulat<br>state | شاهنشاه<br>hacnhac | shahanshah<br>emperor | ملك<br>klm | malik<br>king | كراخان<br>najark | karajan<br>state |
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| كوين<br>niwk | kwin<br>queen | نظام الملك<br>klmemazn | nizam elmulk<br>ruler of Hyberdad | وزير<br>rizw | wazir<br>vizier | LEGEND:<br>Arabic<br>Transliter-<br>ation | Translation |

It should be noted that in most legends, important words are prefixed by ال el, which can mean "the" or "of". The lamed is not always pronounced. For example, السلطنة transliterates as esultinat, while المملكة transliterates as elmamalakat.

Editorial - continued: Speaking of walking away: Bill Lenz has stolen the Henry Westphal membership award for so many years I have lost count. All you have to do to take the plaque away from Bill is to sign up more new members for MSNA then he does and your name will be the next one on it. You only have four months but if your interested that's all the time you'll need. (P.S. Bill has only signed up 5 or 6 new ones this year).

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Part Three: Coins of Morocco

Morocco is located on the northwest tip of Africa, and is appropriately known as المغربية elMaghribiyat, the West. Morocco's coinage has undergone many transformations, but it is the last two, under the French protecterate and independence, which is of most interest to us.

In 1912, the sultan of Morocco, unable to quell a revolt, invited the French in, and they decided to stay. The French introduced a new coinage of 25 and 50 سنتيم santim and one فرنك frank. The common obverse inscription is الدولت المغربيت edaulat elMaghribiyat, state of the West. The reverse shows the denomination, and the two higher denominations have the additional phrase قطعت تساوي qitat tisawi, literally "equal to", but probably meant as an Arabic version of bon pour (good for), which appeared on French coins of the time. The coins of Morocco usually involve intricate geometric patterns. This is because the Moslems, like the Jews, disapproved of graven images, which included men or animals on coins.

The French also issued silver 5, 10, and 20 franc pieces. These coins are dated on the obverse, using the word عام am or year. They have the "mint mark" ضرب بباريز zuriba b'Bariz, minted in Paris. The only Arabic on the reverse is the inscription السكة المحمدية الشريفة esikat elMohamediyat esherifat, coin of the Mohammedan Sherifate. New coins were issued in 1945 and 1951, and each time the coins shrunk or were made of a cheaper material.

In 1956, Morocco was granted independence, and a new 500 franc coin was issued, featuring the formerly-exiled sultan, محمد الخامس Mohamed el-khams or Mohammed the Fifth. In 1960 the درهم dirhem, or 100 franc, was introduced. This piece identified the issuer as المملكة المغربية elmamlakat elMaghribiyat, Kingdom of the West.

Mohammed's successor was الحسن الثاني elHasan elthani, Hasan the Third. He introduced a new coinage system with 1 dirhem equal to 100 santim. The coins portray the royal coat of arms, and the higher denominations also have the bust of the King. The current regime also has issued many commemorative pieces in silver and gold.

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

22-24 Apr: WMPG Tri Club Sheraton Inn, New Carrollton

2 - 4 Sep: MSNA annual Convention and show: Sheraton Motor Inn, CapitolBeltway, New Carrollton. Host Clubs Alexandria, Cheverly, Andrews Air Force Base, Baltimore and Colonial.

18 Sep: Carroll County Coin Club; Reese Community Fire Hall, Md Rt 140, 3 miles east of Westminister

23 Oct: Cambridge Coin Club, American Legion Home, Sunburst Highway, Cambridge. 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Hourly door prizes; free admission.

23 Oct: Associated Coin Clubs, Annual fall show Victory Villa Community Center, Martin Bvld & Compass Road, Middle River

12-13 Nov: Western Maryland Coin Club Fall Show, Route 40, LaVale. Show opens 10:00 am daily

Late August 1984: MSNA annual convention & show, Sheraton Inn, New Carrollton.

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August 1985: MSNA will support the ANA Convention at the Convention Center, Baltimore

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Associated Coin Clubs are tentatively setting the date of 29 March 1984 for their spring show.

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The John B. Henry Trophy for membership is awarded for a period of one year to the member club which has the largest percentage of their members also being members of MSNA. To be eligible a club must have a minimum of fifteen members. Award is made at the annual convention. Now is the time for our member clubs to canvas their own membership and see if they can't take this trophy home in 1983.

## OUR MEMBER CLUBS REPORT

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COIN CLUB had two of their past presidents as speakers for their meetings. In January R. C. Soxman spoke on the history of U.S. coinage. He covered the early French and English issues; proceeded to the Spanish pillar dollars. From there he told of the Colonial issues and ended with the establishment of the first U.S. mint on April 2, 1792.

At their February meeting Walt Mason spoke on love tokens. Colored slides of various tokens did much to round out this very interesting talk.

MCCC reports with regret the recent loss of member Al Sanford, a long time member who had participated in many of the club activities.

CHEVERLY-PAK COIN CLUB, our charter member club, now has a new name. On 20 January 1983 Cheverly Coin Club reorganized under their new name. As the name indicates their main interest is going to be Jefferson nickels but they do not intend to neglect the rest of numismatics. Officers were elected on 20 January and consist of the following:

President - David Wilder
Vice President - Arthur Snider
Secretary/Treasurer - Robert Colcock
Directors
Louis S. Buttice
Sandra Emme
Joseph M. Lawrence
Walter T. Urman

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COIN CLUB elected their 1983 officer at the January meeting. Chosen were

President - Kenneth Lucas
1st Vice President - David Feinberg
2nd Vice President - Milton A. Ford
Treasurer - Joseph Clarke
Secretary - Linda Lucas
Directors -
Walter Urman
Sandra Emme
David Wilder
Carl Shrader

A banquet to install these officers was held on 29 January.

Also, at the January meeting, Al Bonan gave the club a presentation on coin Grading.

At their February meeting PGCCC members heard Mendel Peterson speak on Spanish underwater treasures. For bringing new members to the club, Paul

PGCC: Ringley was presented with a 1955 proof set and Ron Pippin with a 1960 proof set.
President Lucas presented a talk on early copper cents at the March meeting.

From DAVID WILDER via the PGCCC bulletin we have information on mainland China's bullion coin - the "Panda". This 24 carat coin comes in 1/10; 1/4; 1/2 and 1 ounce sizes. At the show in Vegas the 1/10 ounce was presented in a mounting and chain and sold for at or around $50. The coins were minted in 1982; mintage was small and the dies were then destroyed. For 1983 plans are to include a cub with the Panda. Thanks Dave.

CATONSVILLE COIN CLUB presents their new officers.
President - Phil Greenslet
Vice President/Treasurer - Howard Bernstein
Secretary - Bryce Doxson
Bulletin Editor - Andrew Bulleri
Board of Governors -
Andrew Bulleri
Charles Lambert
John Bayne
Past President - Naomi McAlfee
CCC report they are supporting Ken Hallenbeck for ANA Governor.
At their January meeting an ANA Club Past President's medal was presented to Naomi McAfee in recognition for her services in that office for 1981 and 1982.

KENT COIN CLUB has an attendance prize they give away at meetings. This must be a growing one. We are informed that member Eleanor Reynolds received the largest cash prize to date ($19) at their January meeting.
KCC went Valentine's day, all the way, at their February meeting. Program Chairman Gwen Washington, and her staff, presented cake, ice cream, cookies and heart candies during the break. Not to be outdone by the refreshments was their program: the ANA slide program on "Love Tokens".
For 1983 KCC has plans for a couple of special events already. On 30 April they plan a club bus trip to

## MORE FROM OUR MEMBER CLUBS

KCC: Washington, D.C. with a dinner break at Annapolis on the way home. In June they plan a picnic and free for all baseball game in conjunction with The Milford Stamp and Coin Club. Ed Littlejohn has organized the clubs stock of wooden nickels and is selling the 1976 thru 1982 ones for 25¢ each plus SA SE. Evidently the ones from 1972 thru 1975 are no longer available.
Member Jules Reiver recently got some good publicity for himself and his clubs when he discovered a new reverse variety of the 1806 q uarter.

ALEXANDRIA COIN CLUB our very active member club in Northern Virginia donated almost $3000 to area charitable agencies in 1982. For a club with a total membership of 175 that is quite an accomplishment. ACC has members in Virginia, Maryland , Washington, D.C., North Carolina, Arizona and California.

WASHINGTON-MONTGOMERY-PRINCE GEORGES TRI-CLUB (WMPG TRI-CLUB) P.O. Box 1, Tuscaroa, Md, 21790 has joined MSNA as a member club. I am sure all of us all familiar with their annual shows (see more in this issue) and of course, two of the clubs - PGCCC and MCCC are long time members of MSNA.

FORT COIN CLUB: From our member, Gordon Johnson, we learn that FCC, one of our charter clubs is having membership problems and are really at low ebb at the present time. Their PO box has been cancelled. Should anyone wish to contact the club you may do so by contacting Editor, MSNA Bulletin.

PERRY HALL COIN CLUB enjoyed a most informative session on Communion Tokens presented by Don Honeywell at their March meeting.

ASSOCIATED COIN CLUBS made up of four of our member clubs report a very successful coin show on March 13. Thirty five dealers and a door of 400 or more visitors made one of the more active shows in this area in the past two or three years.

EXHIBITORS WHO RECEIVED trophies for their exhibits at the Associated Coin Clubs Show are:
1st: Pete Burris, Baltimore Coin Club for his Washington Token and Medal Display;
2nd: Will Myers, Harford Coin Huskers for his display of proof sets;
3rd: Jim Keller, Baltimore Coin Club with his display of tokens, coins and medals of Queen Victoria.

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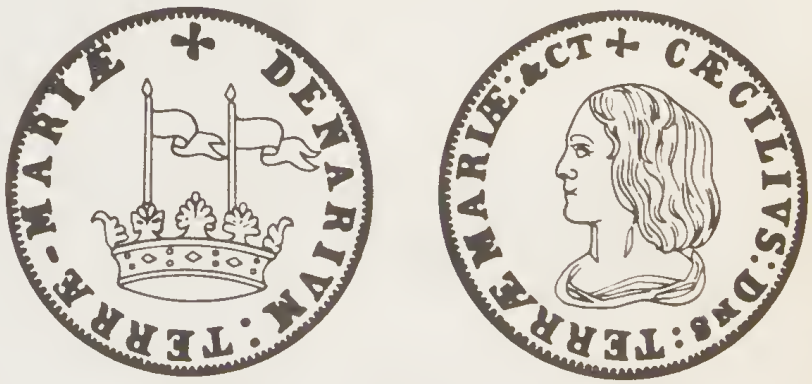


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## CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

Each member club of MSNA SHALL appoint a representative who will serve on the board and will exercise the club's vote on any matter arising.

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# The Maryland State Numismatic Association, Inc.

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

GREETINGS TO FELLOW NUMISMATISTS:

Welcome to the Maryland State Numismatic Association Eleventh Annual Convention. I hope you will take full advantage of the greatly expanded program found at this years convention and spend many delightful hours on the bourse floor wheeling and dealing with the dealers. Who knows, you may find that numismatic treasure which has eluded you for so many years. With a full schedule of events try to attend one of the specialty group meetings; they can open up new worlds for you to explore.

This is my last message as your president and as I look back over the past 2½ years and review the actions of the state organization I see a lot of good things. I have been active in several state numismatic organizations, but none which have strived so hard to serve the interest of numismatics as much as MSNA. I've never seen a state organization offer to underwrite local coin shows without any risks to the local sponsoring club. I am surprised that more local clubs did not take advantage of MSNA's offer, but I was glad to see Catonsville Coin Club make the move and come out like a broker in a bull market. Notice now that MSNA is offering to supply any member club with a Best of Show Trophy for their coin show exhibits. Baltimore Coin Club will be the first club to receive this special trophy. MSNA also provides a speaker's bureau for programs at local club meetings. If you have not attended one of MSNA's Fall Seminars then you have missed a most worthwhile event. MSNA does indeed do a lot for numismatics, hopefully more members will take advantage of their offerings.

We are now heading into the home stretch in our planning for the 1985 ANA Convention to be held in Baltimore. The next two years should be exciting years with opportunities for all. If you would like to get involved now is the time to speak up. We will plan a publicity campaign for the Detroit ANA in 1984 to get people aware of Baltimore in 85. Jump on the bandwagon, it should be a real experience!

It has been an honor serving as your president and I now hope I can be as good a Past-President as those who preceded me. Thanks for your trust.... Will

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The Board of Directors of MSNA met in conjunction with the Tri Club Show in Washington, D.C., on Sunday 24 April 1983. In attendance:

Will Mumford - President
Tom Reichelderfer - Vice President
Bill Swagler - Treasurer
Bill Ayres -Past President
Bill Lenz - Past President
Bob Ruby - Convention Chair Man
Greg Ruby -Catonsville Coin Club
Hank Schab - Colonial Coin Club
M. G. Burris - Baltimore Coin Club
Jesse Martin - Alexandria Coin Club
Howard Daniel - "
Robert H. Colcock - Cheverly PAK
Joseph Durham - "
David E. Wilder - Andrews Air Force Coin Club
David McGuinness -Montgomery County Coin Club

Reports from Treasurer and Secretary were accepted as presented.

A letter was presented from Phil Greenslet in which he informed us that exhibits had been put in several libraries to commerate national coin week and that the Catonsville Show had been a success. They picked up new members as a result of the show and were returning the money we had advanced to them.

Details for our 1983 auction still require some firming up. List of chairman with necessary addresses and phone numbers has to be made up. Dave Wilder discussed the program. He has lined up five speakers, four for the educational program and one for the breakfast. Dave was considering a three hour program but was advised to cut it to two. Baltimore and Colonial Coin Clubs are preparing details for the hospitality room. Publicity data has been sent to papers, flyers are on hand for distribution and efforts are going to be made to get any free radio spots available. First choice of tables are to go to previous MSNA dealers.

Earl is going to prepare and mail the flyers for the show. Since we have not used our bulk rate permit for over one year the Post Office is canceling it unless we take some further action. It was voted we allow it to expire.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 10 July 1983 at the same location.

We discussed the ANA Convention of 1985. It was voted President Mumford should contact Carl Shrader, get his concurrence and submit his name to ANA to be General Chairman for the event.

Hank Schab reported work is going forward on our souvenir sheets for 1983. Suggestions from Harford Coin Huskers that the 1982 sheets which were unsold be destroyed was turned down.

It was voted we take positive action to procure a good quality type writer to use in the production of our bulletin. Bill Ayres, Bill Swagler and Bill Lenz will work on this.

Ads for the Bulletin for the 1983 show issue will be double the regular rate. We will set up a page of patrol ads which will be sold for $2 each. Deadline for the show issue material will be 1 August.

We currently have nineteen member clubs and one hundred forty seven individual members in good standing.

Bill Lenz, Bill Ayres and Phil Greenslet were appointed to our nominating committee for 1983.

Respectfully Submitted
William R Ayres Jr
William R. Ayres, Jr.
Recorder

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MD TAMS CLUB NEWS

The next MD TAMS meeting will be held at the Sheraton Exhibition Center on Sunday, Sept. 4th at 12:00 noon, in conjuction with the upcoming MSNA CONVENTION at the same location.

At the MSNA awards breakfast, MD TAMS will be featuring an award for the "Best Exonumia Exhibit" to some lucky exhibitor. This will be a continuing award for future MSNA CONVENTIONS.

MD TAMS is also in the process of getting our Logo made into a lapel pin. Hopefully, it will be delivered in time to be displayed at the September meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite the membership of MSNA to attend our Sunday meeting. Guests are always welcome.

See you there,
B.B
Bob Ruby,
President MD TAMS

# The Maryland State Numismatic Association, Inc.

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
prepared by Carl M. Shrader, Secretary
meeting of
July 10, 1983
2:05 p.m.
New Carrollton, Md

Carl Shrader arranged with the Sheraton Motor Hotel for the use of their Board Room. Many MSNA members attended the Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association's 18th Annual Convention and Coin Show in progress at the Hotel's Convention Center. In attendance were:

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| Will Mumford - President | Marvin Burris - Baltimore Coin Cl |
| Tom Reichelderfer-Vice Pres | Jesse Martin - Alexandria Coin Cl |
| Carl Shrader - Secretary | Joe Durham - Cheverly Coin Club |
| Bill Swagler - Treasurer | Dave Wilder -Andrews Air Force Cl |
| Bill Ayres - Past President | Joe Clarke - Prince George's CCC |
| Bill Lenz - Past President | Max Rather - Alexandria Coin Club |
| Greg Ruby - Maryland TAMS | Dave McDonald - Carroll County CC |

Western Maryland Coin Club will celebrate their 45th anniversary on September 13, 1983 at the Frostburg Moose Hall. Steve Taylor, ANA Board Member and member of MSNA is the invited speaker. President Mumford and Past Presidents Bill Ayres and Bill Lenz have also been invited to attend. Motion was passed to reimburse the three presidents for motel expenses and actual gas used for the trip.

Letter has been received from Pete Burris, President, Baltimore Coin Club. They are having a one day show on November 20, 1983 at the Quality Inn, Towson and requested MSNA furnish four exhibit awards for the show. After discussion motion was passed to supply a Best of Show Trophy with an approximate value of $25.00 to any member clut requesting such. This is to be the same to all, with a 2½" MSNA logo. Baltimore Coin Club will be the first to receive this award.

MSNA 1983-1984 Nominating Committee has proposed: Dr. Thomas Reichelderfer - Colonial Coin Club, for President: Carl Shrader - Prince George's County Coin Club, for Vice President: David McDonald - Carroll County Coin Club, for Secretary and Bill Swagler - Harford Coin Huskers, for Treasurer. Ballots will be mailed this week by the Committee; Bill Ayres, Phil Greenslet and Bill Lenz. Deadline for ballot return - August 15, 1983.

Dave Wilder proposed a dinner for Baltimore - Washington area members to continue to build good relationships - Joe Clarke asked for a visiting committee to be formed in each club and Dave McDonald requested the Numismatist publish location, date of meetings and contacts for each MSNA member club. There are 19 paid club members and 151 individual members.

Dave also proposed a trip to the Philadelphia Mint on September 20 at a cost of about $20.00 each - each Board Member is to canvas their club and report number of interested people by August 1st. He also would like each club to submit petitions to U. S. Congressman concerning the many pieces of legislation now proposed. He has all the necessary paper work.

Minutes: July 10, 1983: Continued

In the absence of show chairman Bob Ruby; Greg Ruby reported on our progress. Ad campaign is nearing completion. Blaisdell has placed several ads in the Grey Sheet, a seven inch display ad goes into "Coin World" and local newspapers are Baltimore Sun, Washington Post and major Northern Virginia newspapers. Suggestions were made to make a contribution to Childrens Hospital and the WMAL Radio Program Harden and Weaver will announce the show. Free publicity has been sent to Radio and T.V. stations. Several incorrect listings have been corrected.

Final copy for flyers and souviner sheets is August 1st. Twenty five paid patron lines are on hand for Maryland Numismatist. The General Chairman has requested Mr. Roger Menaulty of the New Carrollton Post Office set up a cancellation booth. Several dealers have requested that the Prince George's County police cruise past the hotel occassionally.

The Junior Best of Show and the People's Choice Award (visitors will vote to select this one) are new this year.

Maryland TAMS will sponsor an exonumia award. Judges for this award will be made under the auspices of TAMS and not MSNA.

Dave Wilder submitted a list of speakers for his all day program which starts at 1:00 pm. There will be five sessions Saturday after noon evening and Sunday morning at the Breakfast. He also suggested we order the Calvert one penny commemerative from Tri - County Council as a souviner for the Educational Forum at $1.00 each. Motion passed. The general chairman has arranged for 18 people to attend the Saturday evening dinner prior to the forum. Wilder will handle program - Bob will handle all other arrangments. Splinter group meeting arrangements are incomplete.

There was some concern expressed about our auction and to resolve these an indemnification clause will be written into our contract releasing the MSNA Board from any suit.

Paul Singleton has recommended we use picture I. D. badges. Mumford supports because of the improved security and reusablility. Club Members will continue to use ribbons. (I.D. Badges will be used by dealers).

"Turkey Night" - Thursday set - up, when vest pocket dealers visit, will cost each non - contract dealer $25.00 which is to be made payable to the American Cancer Society.

Pete Burris reported $230 has been turned in against the gold raffle and that $670 more is needed to break even.

Exhibits Chairman, Howard Daniels has advised he is in need of help. He is also indicated this will be his last show in this capacity. Arrangements for the Lewis M. Regan Foundation Award have not been made.

Next meeting to be held on August 13th; Location to be furnished later.

Tom Hildebrandt, VP

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MARYLAND STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, Inc.
ANNUAL CONVENTION & SHOW 2-4 September
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday 2nd:

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| 10:00 am | Show Opens |
| 7:00 pm | Show closes for day |
| 7:30 pm | Auction - 1st Session |

Saturday 3rd:

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| 10:00 am | Show Opens for day<br>YN Program begins |
| 12:00 Noon | Paper Money Seminar |
| 1:00 pm | Silver Dollar Forum<br>Randy Campbell<br>Dean Tavener<br>Al B. Johnbrier |
| 2:00 pm | Civil War Tokens |
| 3:00 pm | Franklin Half Forum<br>Bob Rose<br>Blake Meyer<br>CONECA |
| 4:00 pm | John Chalmers Cociety<br>Mint Error Forum<br>LeRoy Van Allen<br>John A. Wexler<br>Bill Fivaz |
| 5:00 pm | NAB$2CC |
| 7:00 pm | Show Closes for Day |
| 7:30 pm | Educational Seminar<br>Anthony Swiatek<br>Bill Fivaz<br>Charles R. Hoskins<br>Ray Hebert |
| 8:30 pm | (or at completion of program) Social Hour |

Sunday 4th:

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| 9:00 am | Awards Breakfast<br>Cory Gillilland |
| 11:00 am | Show Opens for day<br>Bust Dollar Club |
| 12:00 Noon | Maryland TAMS |
| 1:00 pm | Early American Coppers |
| 2:00 pm | Annual Meeting of the Membership of MSNA |
| 5:00 pm | Close of show |

All meetings, except the Awards Breakfast available to any interested parties free of charge.

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

2-4 Sep: MSNA annual Convention and Show: Sheraton Motor Inn, Capitol Beltway, New Carrollton. Host Clubs: Alexandria, Cheverly, Andrews Air Force Base, Colonial, and Baltimore.

3-4 Sep: Interstate Coin Club: Venice Ballroom, U.S. Route 40, East of Hagerstown.

18 Sep: Carroll County Coin Club: Reese Community Fire Hall, Md Rt 140, 3 miles east of Westminister.

25 Sep: Kent Coin Club (12th annual show) Sheraton Inn

23 Oct: Cambridge Coin Club; American Legion Home, Sunburst Highway, Cambridge.

23 Oct: Associated Coin Clubs, Annual fall show, Victory Villa Community Ctr, Martin Bvld & Compass Roads, Middle River

12-13 Nov: Western Maryland Coin Club Fall show. Route 40 LaVale, LaVale Fire Hall. Just West of Cumberland

11 Mar 84: Associated Coin Clubs spring Show. American Legion Hall, Parkville

19-20 May: Western Maryland Coin Club spring show. Route 40 LaVale, LaVale Fire Hall, Just west of Cumberland

August 1984: MSNA annual Convention & Show, Sheraton Inn, New Carrollton.

August 1985: MSNA will support the ANA Conventionat the Convention Center, Baltimore.

### BEST OF SHOW

We are proud to announce that the Best of Show Award for 1983 will be sponsored by the Lewis M Regan Foundation.

## OUR MEMBER CLUBS REPORT

FORT COIN CLUB: Don't count us dead yet says Gordon Johnson. Their mailing address of P. O. Box 157, Odenton, Md 21113, has been revived and a group of dedicated workers are getting the club to rights.

INTERSTATE COIN CLUB: As will be also noted in the calendar, Interstate's fall show will be held the same weekend as the MSNA Convention. A most unfortunate occurance. Due to the grand picture and the many differenct factors involved in a big show this is always distressing but even more so in a case such as this. Interstate has been holding their shows on Labor Day weekend since 1962. Their show will be held at the Venice Ballroom US Route 40, slightly east of Hagerstown, 10:00 to 6:00 on Saturday, 3 Sep and noon to 5:00 pm on Sunday, 4 Sep. Door prizes every half hour, free admission. Coins, Currency & Stamps.

WESTERN MARYLAND COIN CLUB: W M C C holds two shows each year. These shows are held at the LaVale fire hall at 423 National Highway (Us Rt 40), slightly west of Cumberland, in LaVale. These will all open their doors at 10:00 am, each day.

CATONSVILLE COIN CLUB: Tells us John Greenslet was speaker at the Metropolitan New York Show in addition to capturing the Junior Best of show award. At their April meeting Paul Finck gave a talk on coin investing. CCC set up displays in Catonsville and Westminister libraries during National Coin Week. Will Mumford presented a well documented slide show on Civil War tokens at their May meeting. At the June meeting Don Zauche of the Carroll County Coin Club spoke on European jettons (and included counting tokens). He presented an extensive jetton collection for reference points

KENT COIN CLUB : had, for their April program, a session on "Building an Exhibit." Steve Taylor presented it and in his usual capable manner gave a session which held the close attention of everyone present. KCC members went on a bus tour to D. C. on April 30th. It seems some of their members were having so much fun they couldn't be found when it was time to go home. Kent Coin Club members Terry Bryan, Ed Clevenger and Bob Patterson presented a total of eight display cases at the Dover Mall to celebrate National Coin Week Gwynn Washington, Phil Rynders and Doug Moore helped in working the display area. KCC has selected Phil Rynders to attend MSNA meetings in their behalf. On 26 June KCC, in conjunction with the Milford Stamp and Coin Club held their annual picnic.

## MEMBER CLUBS Continued

ALEXANDRIA COIN CLUB: ACC tells us they have moved their club meetings to 1108 Jefferson St in Alexandria beginning in August.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COIN CLUB had as guest speaker for their April meeting John Greenslet, who spoke on U. K. Coronation medals of the 20th Century. PGCCC meets at the Lanham United Methodist Church. To get there you must leave I 495 at exit 20 East, travel on Rt 450 to White field Chapel Road, turn right and a couple of hundred feet will bring you to the church complex. At their May meeting, Harold Nu ssbaum spoke on ancient Judaic Coins In June Carl Shrader gave a program on "Meet the Mints." At their July meeting a theme of "My Favorite Coin" brought out a wide range from a number of members.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COIN CLUB had as guest speaker for March, Pete Boyer (from Coins of the Realm) who spoke on coins and currency of Iraq. PGCCC reports the loss of two long time members: Noy Schneider and Vivian Willner. For their April program, Harold Nussbaum presented "Coins of the Bible." He accompanied his narration with a slide program of the topic. In May Bill Lenz presented a slide show and narration on Hard Times Tokens. In June, John C. Ryan presented his program on Roman Imperial Coinage. M C C C has been holding special grading sessions on meeting nights Just prior to the regular meeting. These sessions have been well received and are providing local collectors with a tremendous boost to their numismatic knowledge. We are informed by M C C C that the Tri Club is going to select a worthey numismatist, annually, to send to the ANA Seminar at Colorado Springs, Colorado. This year they decided to send Joe and Mae Clarke.

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MARYLAND STATE MEMBER CLUBS

The following information is the result of a recent survey conducted by the Board Secretary; Carl M. Shrader. If you have not returned your club information sheet - please do so.

Alexandria Coin Club
Contact: Jesse Martin, Pres and MSNA Rep
Meets: 4th Wednesday - 8:00 pm
Chinquapin Recreation Center
Alexandria, Virginia
Mail: 6119 Bardu Avenue
Springfield, Va, 22152

Baltimore Coin Club
Contact: Marvin "Pete" Burris, Pres and MSNA Rep
Meets: 1st & 3rd Tues - 8;00 pm
Grace Methodist Church, Balto
Mail: Paul Fink
P.O. Box 101
Timonium, Md, 21093

Cambridge Coin Club
Contact: Carl Mills, President
Dorchester County Public Library
Cambridge
Mail: P.O. Box 932
Cambridge, Md, 21613

Carroll County Coin Club
Contact: Robert W. Ruby, MSNA Rep
Meets: 4th Monday - 8:00 pm
Carroll County Office Bldg,
Room 007, Westminister, Md
Mail: 4350 Nusbaum Road
Taneytown, Md, 21787

Catonsville Coin Club
Contact: Willard Hajek, MSNA Rep
Meets: 2nd Wednesday- 8:00 pm
Emanuel Methodist Church
Catonsville, Md
Mail: P.O. Box 3273
Catonsville, Md, 21228

Cheverly - PAK Coin Club
Contact: David E. Wilder, President and MSNA Representative
Meets: 3rd Thursday - 8:00 pm
Cheverly Community Center, Forest Rd
Mail: P.O. Box 2065
Hyattsville, Md, 20784

Colonial Coin Club
Contact: Roy Putt, President
Meets: 1st & 3rd Tues - 7:00 pm
Anne Arundel County Library, Annapolis
Mail: H.W. Schab, Sec; MSNA Rep
P.O. Box 884
Annapolis, Md, 21401

Harford Coin Huskers
Contact: Harry Whitsel, Pres
Meets: 2nd Tuesday - 7:30 pm
Homes of Members
Mail: P.O. Box 2
Fork, Md, 21051

Interstate Coin Club, Inc.
Contact: Robert K. Brecheil, Pres
Meets 3rd Thurs - 7:45 pm
St. John's Luthern Church,
Hagerstown
Mail: P.O. Box 1901
Hagerstown, Md, 21740

Kent Coin Club
Contact: Ed Chevenger, Pres
Meets: 2nd Thursday - 7:30 pm
W.S.F.S. 5 E. Reed, Dover, DE
Dover, DE, 19901

Maryland Token & Medal Society, Inc
Contact: Robert W. Ruby, Pres & MSNA Rep
Meets: Irregularly
Major Coin Shows: Throughout Md
Mail: Millard W. Hajek
P.O. Box 3273
Baltimore, Md, 21228

Middle River Coin Club
Contact: Fred Grupp, President
Meets: 2nd & 4th Wed- 8:00 pm
Victory Villa Recreation Center
Middle River
Mail: John Meadowcroft
8118 Ridgely Oak Road
Parkville, Md, 21234

Montgomery County Coin Club
Contact: David J. McGuinness, Pres & MSNA Rep
Meets: 2nd Wednesday - 8:00 pm
Silver Spring Armory, Silver Spring, Maryland
Mail: P.O. Box 6266
Washington, D.C. 20015

Prince George's County Coin Cl
Contact: Carl M. Shrader, MSNA rep
Meets: 1st Tuesday - 8:00 pm
Lanham Methodist Church Youth Bldg
Mail: Kenneth W. Lucas, Pres
P.O. Box 3800
Langley Park, Md, 20787

## BALTIMORE COIN CLUB STRIKES MEDAL

The Baltimore Coin Club, which celebrates its fiftieth anniversary in 1985, recently struck a medal to commerate this occasion. The obverse of the medal features the club's emblem while the reverse features a eagle perched on a shield amidst four flags. The reverse was designed by Robert Maxey. Six gold medals were struck and have been distributed. 200 silver medals and 1,000 bronze medals were also struck and are available. Details are available in an ad elsewhere in this issue. The Baltimore Coin Club meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at 8 p.m. in Grace United Methodist Church, located at Belvedere and Charles in Balitmore. Why not come and visit Maryland's oldest coin club!

## TOP MSNA RECRUITER TO RECEIVE WESTPHAL AWARD

Henry K. Westphal, MSNA's second president, donated this rotating award to MSNA at the 1975 convention. The individual MSNA member who recruits the most new members by the convention will receive this plaque.
Bob Wolcott, and William A. Lenz, Jr. are the past recipients of this award. Whose name will be engraved on the plaque this year? Come to the Awards Breakfast on Sunday and find out. Who knows. Maybe your name will be on the plaque next year . Just start recruiting those new members. Good Luck!

## MARYLAND TAMS TO SPONSOR AWARD

The Maryland Token and Medal Society (MD TAMS) is sponsoring an award for the "Best Exonumia Display" at this year's convention. This award was established by MD TAMS at last year's MSNA Convention and was won by A. Vernon Taylor for his display entitled "Tokens of the German Societies of Baltimore". MD TAMS president Bob Ruby is looking forward to a very good competition for this year's award.

## JOHN B. HENRY TROPHY TO BE AWARDED AT CONVENTION

At the 1975 MSNA Convention, MSNA founder John B. Henry donated this award. The MSNA member club with the highest percentage of MSNA members will be awarded this rotating trophy. In the past, this award has been presented to the Baltimore Coin Club and the Harford Coin Huskers. Will your club win this prestigious award this year? Have your club secretary check the records and enter your club in the competition.


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### POSTAL CANCELLATION BOOTH

A special booth will be set up by the postal service 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Friday and Saturday, 2 and 3 September. A special cancellation will be made up to commerate the show.

### PEOPLE'S CHOICE

A special award will be given to the exhibit which is the most popular with the attending public. Each person viewing the exhibits will have a chance to cast a ballot for the one they like the best.

MARYLAND NUMISMATIST

CONVENTION ISSUE

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A Short History of the Farmers Bank of Maryland

Henry W. Schab

The Farmers Bank of Maryland (of Annapolis,Md) which is now the Farmers National Bank of Maryland became a reality on January 20,1805 when Governor Robert Bowie signed an act to incorporate the Farmers Bank of Maryland with offices in Annapolis and Easton,Md. Thomas Jefferson was President of the U.S. when the doors opened.

This bank really was the culmination of a dream by John Muir,a wealthy Annapolis merchant who was the "banker" for the large consignment trading firm of Johnson,Wallace and Muir.

By 1793 Annapolis had settled into the sleepy routine of a quiet market town - after a long period of social wealth commerce,business,rich planters,etc. The city became in a quiet virtually imperceptable way a center for agricultural improvement and rural development, It was a new role the town easily assumed sine shipping,commerce,business had moved to Baltimore. Annapolitans quietly adjusted to the new social and economic situation in which they found themselves.

John Muir was the first to counter the opposition who indicated that " banks are calculated solely to aid commercial operations and that agricultural interests neither require nor can support an institution of this nature," Muir believed that farmers should be able to earn money on their profits as merchants did. They should be able to borrow to improve their stock and their lands and to carry themselves over from crop to crop.

So the chartering of the Farmers Bank in 1804 was the logical extension of nearly 15 years spent by John Muir in the handling of money affairs of the once great firm of Wallace,Johnson and Muir. It was only common sense to Muir that establishing a bank to borrow money at 3 and 4 percent from investors and loan this money out at 6 percent would be a profitable venture. He had already tested and proved this principle by his private ventures. As early as 1794 Charles Carroll of Carrollton had used Muir's service as a banker by depositing large sums of money with him for his management. So it was an easy transition from the banker of a private merchants firm to become the first president and chief cashier of the Farmers Bank of Maryland.

History: Schab

By 1807 the bank was already the first bank is America to pay its depositors interest on their accounts and profitable enough to open a second branch in Frederick Town.

In 1812 the bank purchased the Reynolds Tavern in which banking operations and the home of the cashier was located.

After the Civil War the National Banking Act was passed and the bank became the Farmers National Bank (1865) which it is to this day.

When the great depression of the '30s was over this bank was one of the few banks in Maryland that reopened with authority and the ability to pay its depositors 100 cents on the dollar. Thus Farmers became known as "the bank where no depositor has ever lost a single penny". This is true to the present day.

The currency bills and notes issued by this bank in its early days of existence are very scarce and rarely seen in auctions and dealers inventories.

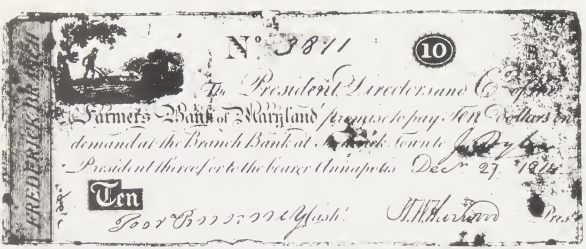
One of these notes - a 1814 $10 bill from the Frederick branch- was recently reproduced on the 1982 MSNA souvenir sheet. The original note is now on display at the bank in Annapolis along with the rare 1905 $10 National bank note issued by the same bank.

The author was fortunate enough to acquire an 1818 $3 note signed by Henry Harwood, the second president of the bank. It is interesting to note that in the 179 years of the bank's history there have been only 10 presidents.

As far as can be determined 6 denominations of these early 19th century notes were issued, i,e. 50 cents, $1, $2, $3, $5 and $10.

As a final note of interest in less than 7 years after the bank opened in Annapolis the bank prospered enough to build its own building. This building, although remodeled several times, erected in 1812 still stands at the corner of West and Church Circle and serves as the main branch of the Farmers National Bank of Annapolis.

One of the early notes is shown here.




ABOVE: $10.00 Bill - 1814 - from the Frederick Branch of Farmers Bank of Maryland. See related article by Hank Sonab in this issue.

BELOW: A sketch of the souvenir sheet to be issued in conjunction with the 1983 Convention and show. The final sheets may differ slightly.

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MARYLAND STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, Inc.
*Eleventh Annual Convention • September 2-3-4, 1983*

JOHN CHALMERS' "RINGS" SHILLING—1783

With the depreciation of paper money in post-Revolution America, high-denomination coins became popular. Small change was often made by dividing Spanish coins into bits. Unscrupulous skilled cutters could produce five quarters or nine eighths from a round coin; people soon suspected all pieces as being underweight and refused them as change.

Congress therefore authorized John Chalmers, a goldsmith in Annapolis, Maryland, to make the first privately issued silver coins in America. From his shop at Cornhill and Fleet Streets, Chalmers in 1783 produced shillings, sixpence, and three-pence pieces.

One of his three types of shillings is called the "Rings" Shilling. Thirteen interlocked rings encircle other symbols—a staff with a liberty cap, an eye, and 13 stars. On the obverse are the legends I. CHALMERS, ANNAPOLIS, 1783 and EQUAL TO ONE SHI. Even a Good grade "Rings" Shilling is extremely rare; the most recent sale was for $80,000.

## SPEAKER'S BUREAU

The Speaker's Bureau of the Maryland State Numismatic Association is a group of volunteers who have agreed to accept speaking engagements at clubs around the State.

If your club would like a speaker for your program or if you would agree to have your name listed as a volunteer speaker contact:

MSNA Speaker's Bureau
c/o Carl M. Shrader, Secretary
P. O. Box 6533
Sparrows Point, Maryland 21219

The following list was compiled from the recent club information survey. If you want your name added to the list complete the form behind the roster.

| Speaker | Topic | Organization |
|---|---|---|
| Phil W. Greenslet | Military Medals | Catonsville Coin Club |
| John Greenslet | Coronation Medals | Catonsville Coin Club |
| Millard Hajck | Tokens and Medals | Catonsville Coin Club |
| David E. Wilder | Investing in Rare Coins<br>Jefferson Full Step Nickels | Cheverly - Pak Coin Club |
| Robert H. Colcock | Kings and Queens of England<br>Napoleon Medals | Cheverly - Pak Coin Club |
| Stephen R. Taylor | U. S. Largo Paper Money<br>U. S. Modern Paper Money<br>Building an Exhibit | Kent Coin Club |
| Carl M. Shrader | History and Lore of Numismatics | Prince Georges County Coin Club |
| Ken Lucas | Large Cent Overstrikes | Prince Georges Coungy Coin Club |
| Sandra Emme | Young Numismatist | Prince Georges County Coin Club |

MARYLAND STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Post Office Box 6533
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In early January 1983 Secretary Shrader sent the following letter to all club presidents. We feel this is important enough to bring before our total membership. If your club officers are not responding; give them a nudge. Every little bit counts.

Dear Club President:

In the past year your Maryland State Numismatic Association has made a renewed effort to stay in closer contact and improve the communications to its member clubs. The Board has striven to find new ways to lend support to each Club by offering the mini-show or club convention. Plans are under way to broaden the education seminars and underwrite published works on Maryland tokens and bank notes. At its last annual meeting the constitution and by-laws were changed to give each club a stronger voice in Board action by eliminating area representatives and replacing them with club representatives.

Recent endeavors have brought the promise of greater resources and wider recognition of MSNA as a state organization. A contract has been signed with the Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center in New Carrollton near Washington, D. C., for a large 135 bourse three day show in September of 1983. More local clubs will be invited to help produce this show and share in its fruits. A large coin auction has been signed for this major convention.

The 1985 ANA National Convention in Baltimore will be the pileus of this mushrooming, deliberate drive to bring your state association closer the the clubs.

Now we need your help! The MSNA can be only as effective as each club wants it to be. You are indispensable to that which cannot be done without you and your club. Here is where you come in:

1. Appoint a Club Rep who can and will attend at least the Annual Meeting; every meeting - about five per year - would be utopia. MSNA will pay for the gas.

2. Fill out and return the Club information sheet.

3. Name any speaker you are aware of who is willing to travel to other clubs for their meeting (many clubs help with expenses). A stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed. You will receive copies of the completed Club information sheets and speakers bureau. Call me collect if that is better - 301/577-0948.

Can I count on you?

Have a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Cordially,

Carl M. Shrader

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"THE FUN OF EXHIBITING"

BY

Stephen R. Taylor

I have been quoted as saying that "Exhibiting is half the fun of collecting" and that is a true quote. It has been obvious that my travels to all parts of the eastern coast and Canada have been for reasons other than the love to travel. What is the answer, then?

It's extremely difficult to answer "Why I exhibit" with just one easy sentence. My first exhibit was prompted by the Kent Coin Club's annual Show and the fact that I wanted to participate. It probably struck me several months later that it really isn't much fun to collect anything, unless you can have the opportunity to show it and share it with others. I have honestly found it perplexing to believe that numismatists will spend any number of years assembling a beautiful collection of coins, paper money, tokens or whatever, and then lock it in a bank safe deposit box to be left unseen by interested numismatists for years. It's almost as if that person were collecting strictly for the investment angle.

There are many, many reasons why you should put together an exhibit, and even though some are not evident when you start out, they certainly develop in time. One of the first is the opportunity to gain some valuable education while doing the research. It gives you the to do some extra research concerning your phase of numismatics, which can only add to your enjoyment in collecting.

Working on an exhibit of some parts of your collection gives you the opportunity to express some of your talents - the chance to become original in working out the details of a display. Don't you think it's a challenge to lay out an exhibit - to find balance, the proper use of color and to come up with an original design? It's as much of a challenge to exhibiting as it is to collect some things.

When you complete an exhibit and take it to your club show, you are supporting your club and adding to the success of your show - probably without realizing it. I have seen many shows where the displays are the prime attraction to the public and people have spent hours looking at the various exhibits - perhaps doing some personal research or even looking with the thought in mind that they are looking for a new and interesting hobby. Unknowingly, you have helped with the success of your club! It would be interesting to have others benefit by your

collecting interests, don't you think? You could continue on by showing other clubs in your area the same support by exhibiting at their show - supporting and really strengthening numismatics on a broader scale.

You have a challenge before you when you enter competition at a major show. Yes, exhibiting is competitive and it's kind of interesting to design, build and present an exhibit - showing with other collectors who are displaying basically the same types of currency. It's kind of fun to attempt to be unique in your design and presentation of numismatic materials. Once you've completed a display and place it in a show, stand back and watch people look at your exhibit and enjoy your collecting interest. Who knows, but maybe you've helped start someone else along the same line of collecting.

It's kind of exciting to attend an Awards Breakfast and have your name read out as one of the winners - the end result of many, many hours of research and hard work. The biggest thrill has to come when you attend a show with a group of collectors and watch the expression on the face of the "first time winner" from your club and area. It's really an exciting experience.

As time goes on and you attend more and more shows, you achieve the real love of numismatics - the fellowship. Sure, it's fun and exciting to be able to travel around to many of the major shows and see some of the beautiful parts of this country and continent! However, the greatness of any of the major shows and conventions attended is the fellowship gained by meeting numismatists from all parts of the world.

What is the secretin gaining all this fun in numismatics? Just exhibiting! Yes, it's one thing to drive miles to a show and spend hours looking for something among the dealer's tables. However, it's another to have an exhibit and spend the weekend - taking the opportunity to meet other collectors and by starting in the area of exhibits to meet people.

We're involved in a fun hobby and "half of the fun in collecting, is exhibiting". It really is all of these things, and more - the fun of collecting, taking inventory, searching for new material, researching, gaining education, traveling and fellowship. It's these things that make this hobby such a fantastic one.

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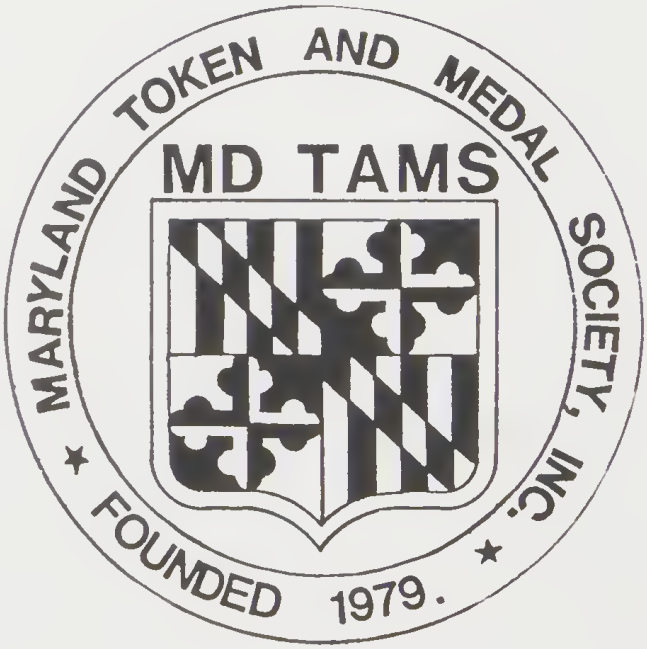


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For Information Write To:

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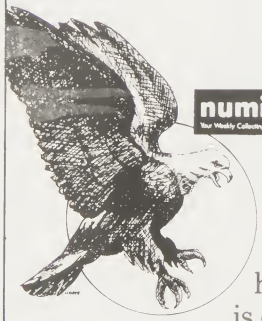

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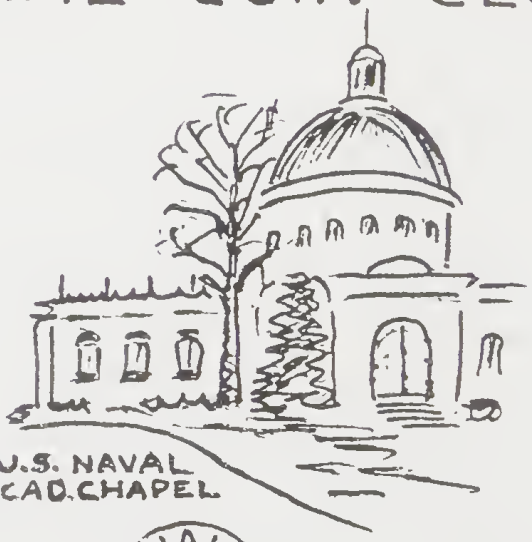

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# The Maryland State Numismatic Association, Inc.

September 29,

From your president,

Thank you for your confidence in electing me to lead the Maryland State Numismatic Association for the coming year.

We can put a successful MSNA Convention behind us and look forward to the upcoming fall Numismatic Seminar that will be held on November 6th at Evergreen House of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Past president, Will Mumford, will serve as chairman and is preparing the program that will excite your interest, present prominent numismatists and increase your knowledge. Refreshments will be served.

Bob Ruby, general chairman for our 1983 convention coordinated the program and saw that all hands pitched in for the whole affair. It was one about which we can all be proud and take considerable pride. Bob has consented to be general chairman for the 1984 convention which will be held in New Carrollton. Part of our success was the way the member clubs work together.

Dave Wilder assembled a first rate group of speakers for the educational program and the awards breakfast.

Stephen Taylor of the American Numismatic Association announced that Carl Shrader, Vice President MSNA, has been appointed general chairman of the 1985 ANA Convention that will take place in Baltimore. We of the MSNA offer him our support and assistance.

To assist with publicity for the 1985 ANA Convention in Baltimore, a group from MSNA will visit the ANA Convention in Detroit next year.

The varied programs of numismatic education that are offered by the MSNA could be utilized by a larger group of numismatists. Entice more members into our organization so that they can share the pleasures and fellowship from collecting. A membership application is part of this issue of The Maryland Numismatist.

Thomas E. Reichelderfer

# MARYLAND STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

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*Dedicated to attaining knowledge and fulfillment in Numismatics*

The Board of Directors of MSNA met at the Anne Arundel County Public Library on West Street, Annapolis, Saturday 13 August 1983. Since most of the business conducted related to the Convention and Show and since the total minutes are available to each club, I will only list here items of continuing interest to the Association. In attendance were:

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| Will Mumford - President | Bob Ruby - General Chairman |
| Tom Reichelderfer - Vice Pr | Greg Ruby - Maryland T A M S |
| Bill Swagler - Treasurer | Marvin Burris - Baltimore CoinC |
| Bill Ayres - Past President | Dave Wilder - Andrews Air Force |
| Bill Lenz - Past President | Hank Schab - Colonial Coin Cl |

Fall Seminar came under discussion. Pros and Cons of holding it in conjunction with local shows were discussed. The possibility of going to the Evergreen House again was raised. Will Mumford is going to chair the event. Our traditional date for this event is the 1st weekend in November

The feasibility of establishing a MSNA - Detroit Committee was discussed as well as some ideas that might be used. (One thought raised was of presenting small red crabs that stick to clothing with some data relative to ANA 1985 imprinted on them. A committee was established which consists of Will Mumford, Bob & Greg Ruby, Bill Ayres, Hank Schab, Carl Shrader and Bill Lenz. A thought to consider is that this committee may well become our MSNA committee for the 1985 ANA Convention.

Rooms for speakers would be provided for one night, if they desired, for the 1983 convention.

Three tables were to be made available for clubs, M.S.N.A., etc., to pass out information on their clubs and to sell anything they may have to represent their club: medals, wooden nickels, etc., It would be up to the clubs to see that these tables were manned. Only club items would be allowed - nothing that is the personal property of an individual.

100 of the Tri County's " Calvert Pennies " were procured and handed out to participants fo the Seminar on Saturday evening.

It was pointed out that Andrews Air Force Base Coin Club did not join MSNA and thus could not be considered a "Host Club".

Souvenir sheets were ready (see illustration in July issue, Page 19. These are in ivory and brown and will cost $3.00 (or 2 for $5.00) by mail. These may be ordered at MSNA, P.O. Box 884, Annapolis, Md, 21401

It was voted to provide rooms for organization officers who lived too far away to commute with ease.

The question of structuring a Numismatist of the Year award was raised. The Board felt this is not the sort of award we wish to issue in a formal manner at this time.

Respectfully submitted
William R Ayres Jr
William R. Ayres, Jr.
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# BE THERE

## The Evergreen House

From the Beltway South at Exit 25 on Charles Street. 1/2 mile North of Cold Spring Lane. East side of Charles Street.

2:00 PM Sunday 6 November 83

Hear Carl Shrader explain the responsibilities and ramifications of putting on the ANA Convention in 1985.

Hank Schab from Colonial Coin Club will give us an update on John Chalmers and the Chalmers Mintage. Have you ever seen a Chalmers Shilling - if we are lucky Hank will have on with him.

Cheese Fest to follow - a chance to talk to fellow numismatists, have a light snack and view the interesting things to be seen in the Evergreen House.

Bring a friend; bring your family; share the good times. No admission. Available to any and all who are interested.

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

6 Nov: MSNA's annual fall Seminar Evergreen House-North Charles Street, Baltimore

5- 6 Nov: Hanover Numismatic Society, American Legion Home 201 Carlisle, Hanover, Pa.

12-13 Nov: Western Maryland Coin Club fall show, Route 40 LaVale Fire Hall, LaVale

18-20 Nov: Gettysburg Battlefield Coin Show, Sheraton, Business Route 15, South of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

### 1984

17-19 Feb: Suburban Washington Coin Show, Sheraton, New Carrollton

11 Mar: Associated Coin Clubs, American Legion Hall, Putty Hill and Old Harford Roads, Parkville

27-29 Apr: WMPG-Tri Club, Sheraton, New Carrollton

19-20 May: Western Maryland Coin Club spring show, LaVale Fire Hall, Route 40, LaVale

13-15 Jul: MWNA, Sheraton, New Carrollton

20 Nov: Baltimore Coin Cl Quality Inn, Towson

23-26 Aug: MSNA- Annual convention & Show, Sheraton Inn New Carrollton

1- 2 Sep: Interstate Coin Club fall show, Venice Ball room, Rt 40, East of Hagers-town

28 Oct: Associated Coin Clubs fall show, Victory Villa Community Center, Middle River

4 Nov: MSNA's annual fall Seminar

### 1985

August: MSNA will support the ANA Convention at the Convention Center, Baltimore

At the last meeting of the Carroll County Coin Club it was announced that Mr. CHARLES SINNOTT of Florida had passed away. Mr. Sinnott was a Charter Member of the club.

Our Treasurer, Bill Swagler, has been hopsitalized for major surgery. It has been a couple of very bad weeks for him but as we go to press it looks like things are beginning to mend and he should be home by the time you receive this. Best wishes from all of us Bill.

## 1983 Convention Report

Bob Ruby, Show Chairman

As the 11th Annual MSNA Convention and Coin Show is now a part of history, It is my opinion that we had a very successful Show. At this time I would like to thank the host Clubs and their members for all of the help that they provided. Iwould like to list the names of all the volunteer workers, but I am afraid that I would omitt someone, so, thanks to all of you.

At the Show, we had a total of 131 dealers from all over the U. S.. On Thursday evening, Sept. 1st, MSNA collected $550.00 for the American Cancer Society from the vest-pocket dealers who wished early acess to the Bourse floor. These checks were presented to Ms. Nancy Reppes, a Cancer Society volunteer by MSNA President, Dr. Reichelderfer and myself.

Again this year, the YN program was presented by Phil Greenslet. approximately 20 YN's participated. Several YN's displayed an exhibit on the theme of "A Dollar". All who attended this program were treated to lunch.

This year's raffle was very successful, thanks to the raffle chairman. Over 600 tickets were sold at the registration table. As for pre-show sales, the Baltimore Coin Club sold the most tickets.

For the Exhibit part if the Show, we had 19 persons enter displays, 16 Adults and 3 juniors, entered a total of 44 cases. A list of the winners will be listed on another page. All of the exhibits were of excellent quality.

This year, the Educational forum (Sat. evening) was execptional, except it was a bit to lengthy. This Forum featured such speakers as Charles Hoskins; Ray Hebert; Bill Fiviz and Anthony Swiatek. A Calvert Cent was given to all who attended. We also had several forums in the afternoon under the direction of Dave Wilder. These meetings covered Silver Dollars Forum; Mint Error Forum; NAB$2CC; CONECA; the John Chalmers Society and Md Tams among some others.

Last, but not least, Who won the Gold????

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| 1st | $20.00 | Joe Kesecker | Glenn Dale, Md. |
| 2nd | $ 5.00 | Hilton L. Torreyson Jr | New Berg, Md. |
| 3rd | $ 2.50 | Just-Rite Coins | N. Y., N.Y. |

Once again, thanks to all who worked on this Convention to make it successful.

## 1983 MSNA CONVENTION EXHIBIT AWARDS

| AWARD | NAME | TITLE |
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| BEST OF SHOW | JOHN WICKER | SELECTION OF FRENCH S. E. ASIAN COINAGE |
| JR. BEST OF SHOW | GREG RUBY | AN INTERODUCTION TO EXONNUMIA |
| MASTER | MILLARD HAJEK | TOKEN COINAGE OF LUNDY ISLAND |
| MASTER | JOHN GREENSLET | OFFICIAL CORONATION MEDALS OF THE 20th CENTURY KINGS OF GREAT BRITIAN |
| MASTER | PHIL GREENSLET | THE MEDAL OF HONOR |
| MASTER | HERBERT HALL | INVITATION TO A ROYAL WEDDING |
| SUPERIOR | JOHN PRYOR | SOME COINS OF IRELAND |
| SUPERIOR | MILLARD HAJEK | US LARGE CENT COPPER RESTRIKES |
| SUPERIOR | DOROTHY STUTZMAN | JEFFERSON NICKELS CHANGES THROUGH THE YEARS |
| PEOPLE'S CHOICE | GREG RUBY | AN INTERODUCTION TO EXONUMIA |

THE FOLLOWING WERE RECIPIENTS OF APPRECIATION AWARDS:

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| MARVIN BURRIS | BARBARA STUTZMAN |
| BENJAMIN ELKINS | DONNA ELKINS |
| RUTH HAMMELL | ROBERT COLCOCK |
| JOHN HAMMOND | |

THE MD TAMS BEST EXONUMIA EXHIBIT AWARD WENT TO:

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| PHIL GREENSLET | THE MEDAL OF HONOR |

On behalf of myself and the Exhibits Chairman, Howard Daniel III, I would like to thank all of the exhibitors for taking their time to enter a display.. In my opinion, all of the exhibits were of excellent quality.

Bob Ruby
Show Chairman

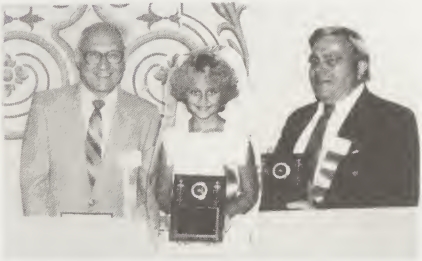
From our Saturday Night Educational Program: left to right, Bob Ruby, Show General Chairman (back to camera), Bill Ayres Membership Chairman & Bulletin Editor; Greg Ruby, Publicity Chairman; Joe Clarke, representing the Washington Area Clubs Bill Swagler, Treasurer; Carl Shrader, Vice President & Will Mumford, Past President and Seminar Chairman.

MSNA now has six past presidents. We are most fortunate that all of them still take an active interest in the Associations activities. Left to Right: Henry Westphal - 2nd; Bill Lenz - 4th; John Henry - 1st; Bill Ayres - 3rd; Phil Greenslet - 5th and Will Mumford - 6th.

Howard Daniel III, Exhibits Chairman presents the LEWIS M. REGAN best of show award to John Wicker

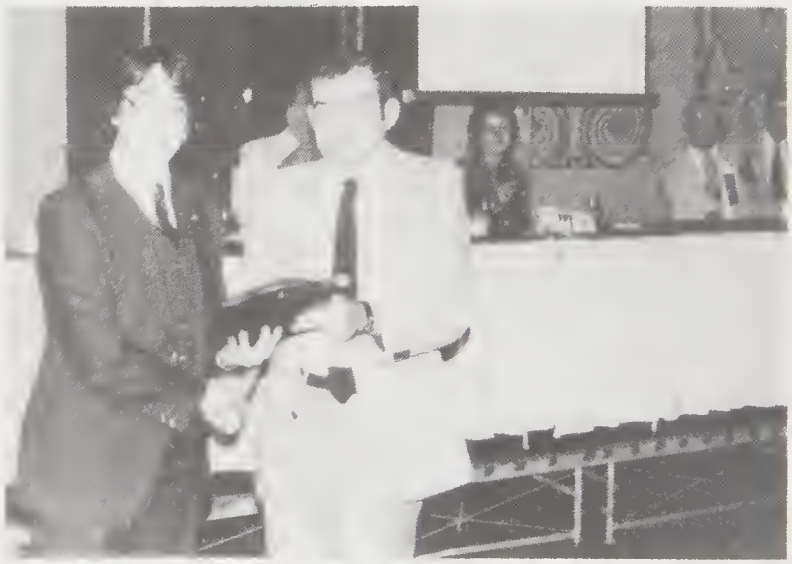
Left to right: Phil Greenslet, Maryland TAMS Best of Exonumia; John Wickers, Best of Show and Greg Ruby, Junior Best of Show.

MASTER AWARD WINNERS
John Greenslet, Herb Hall, Millard Hajek, Phil Greenslet



SUPERIOR AWARD WINNERS
Millard Hajek, Dorothy Stutzman, John Pryor

APPRECIATION AWARD WINNERS
John Hammond, Barbara Stutzman, Ruth Hammell
Bob Colcock, Marvin (Pete) Burris



Howard Daniels III presents the Junior Best of Show to Greg Ruby

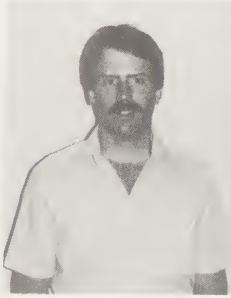
Bob McIntire and Al Johnbrier man two of the tables at our show.

Speakers from our Saturday evening educational program: left to right; Bill Fivaz, Ray Hebert and Charles Hoskins.

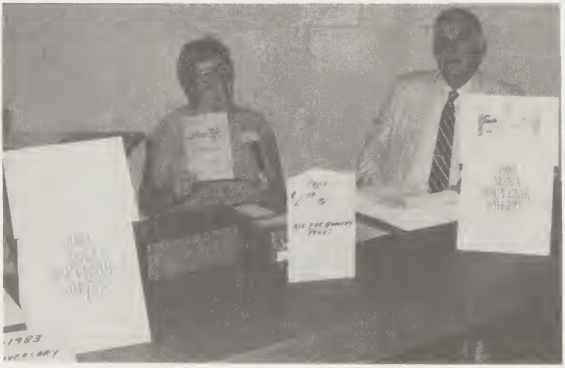
Carl Shrader presents our speakers portfolio to Cory Lee Gillilland our breakfast speaker.

Carl Shrader accepts the HENRY WESTPHAL MEMBERSHIP AWARD from Henry Westphal

Bill Swagler accepts the JOHN B. HENRY MEMBERSHIP TROPHY, on behalf of the Harford Coin Huskers, from John B. Henry



May we introduce David McDonald, our new secretary. Dave lives in Westminister and is a member of the Carroll County Coin Club. He Started Collecting in 1960 while living in Newfoundland. At that time he was collecting both Canadian and U. S. In 1981 he turned to British Commonwealth Coinage as a part time dealer. He still collects U. S. coins. He also holds membership in ANA, ANS, CNA, INS, NI, Baltimore Coin Club and Maryland TAMS.



Marge Ayres and Tom Reichelderfer man the souvenir sheet table at our 1983 Convention.

It was September 13th and Western Maryland Coin Club was celebrating 45 years of membership. After several weeks of high temperatures it was a pleasant change to find a cooler cloudy morning. Of course the rain I ran into from I 695 to Hancock did not make for the most pleasant of driving. Marge and I left home about 9:30 am and drove straight thru. Cumberland was wet but rain had ceased so after getting settled in at our motel in LaVale we proceeded to spend a few hours in "downtown" Cumberland. A lot of history is wrapped up in a very small area - all within easy walking distance.

We returned to the motel around 5:00 pm to prepare for the evening and found that Bill and Carolyn Lenz and Steve and Beulah Taylor had also arrived.

Martin Johnson had conned his friend, Winfield H. Adam into driving him to the vening's festivities and to add insult to injury into driving him to LaVale to be sure all of us got to the right spot on time. As I knew where we were going Martin led Bill and Carolyn. Marge and I rode with Steve and Beulah.

Rather than drive the expressway we drove East on Us Rt 40, thru LaVale and the famous narrows north of Cumberland. A very scenic route and well woth the few extra minutes it took. After we were parked I tried to help Steve remove his movie screen from the trunk of his car: take warning - don't ever help Steve get the screen out of his trunk. One person has to get into the trunk; backward and upside down - while Steve pulls the other end of the screen. Guess who gets into the trunk.

The event was attended by a very friendly group of people who made us feel right at home. Betty and George Waingold were busy in the kitchen while some of the others we know; Ruthie Hammell, Charley Hyde, Al Helmick and Martin were telling stories of past years and the newer (and/or younger) members were taking it all in.

Martin was Master of Ceremonies & he had brought Winfield as his guest. There was a purpose to this of course, with Martin there always is. Most of the introductions and fill-

Birthday - Continued.

ins were accomplished by Winfield. Martin did present an overview of the club in it's formative years. Charley Hyde had a couple of additions to Martin's presentation. Winfield did get a chance to tell a few tales out of school on Martin. We were most interested to hear that the two of them frequently eat lunch behind the plate glass windows of the executive dining room of G. C. Murphy.

Bill Lenz was finally given a chance to complete the talk he was giving five years ago when the fire alarm went off next door ( didn't work - Bill forgot where he left off).

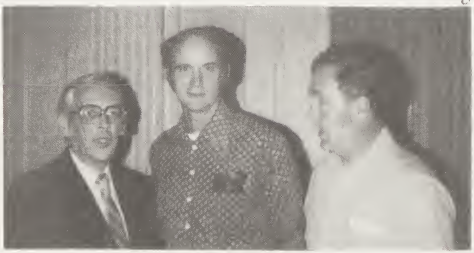
Steve Taylor, guest speaker of the evening presented a most interesting overview, complete with slides shown on his MOVIE SCREEN, on old paper money of the United States.

After Steve's presentation a social session with the club members and officers provided a most enjoyable ending to the evening.

Wesnesday morning dawned clear and cool. A leisurely breakfast followed by a casual drive home ensued. We drove the "Scenic Rt 40" west of Hancock; stopped in Hancock and at Fort Frederick; drove Alternate Rt 40 between Hagerstown and Frederick. From Frederick we traveled directly to the Baltimore Beltway - just in time to meet the late afternoon traffic jam.

On that note we wound up our birthday visit to one of MSNA's more faithful clubs in the outlying areas - a trip we greatly enjoyed.

Bill Cuyes



Above: Left to Right: Al Helmick, Tresurer, Boy Naylor, Secretary and Dave Weir, President. (Not present was Jerry Robinette, Vice President).

## HIGHLIGHTS GLEANED FROM THE ORIGINAL MINUTE BOOK OF THE WESTERN MARYLAND COIN CLUB

First Meeting was held Sep 21 1938 in C umberland, Maryland, Y.M.C.A.

Officers Elected:

President: Fred P. Keyser
Vice President: William L Wilson, Sr.
Secretary/Treasurer: Holmes H. Cessna

Quotes from this meeting:

"The program for our October meeting will consist of Mr. Oliver Bruce, Jr. , Speaker on banks of Allegany County: Fred P. Keyser to display complete set of Lincoln Cents: Holmes M. Cessna a complete set of 2¢ pieces: Mr. Martin Watson Obsolete Bank Notes.

June 20, 1939: A letter was read from Mr. David M. Bullowa notifying the club of winning first prize for National Coin Week. (We Believe this was the first year of the National Coin Week).

April 7, 1940: Martin L. Johnson dispayed a $50.00 California Gold Slug, a complete set of Kellog $20.00 Gold California pieces (there were two of them 1854 and 1855) and a set of Alaska Gold Pinces. (Johnson hasn't changed ; he's still trying to show off).

September 18, 1940: William A. Gaede, Pittsburgh Dealer visited and spoke to the club; with a beautiful display. (Charley Hyde says he don't remember any beautiful display but does seem to recollect a beautiful blond).

November 20, 1940: Ira S. Reed, Philadelphia, displayed a collection of gold silver and copper coins valued at $18,500.00.

April 21 thru 25, 1941: First Hobby Show in Parish House of Episcopal Church (There were no dealers at the early shows of Western Maryland Coin Club-it was strictly display. Editor)

December 17, 1941: Howard D. Gibbs, Pittsburgh, visited the club with a station wagon load of odd an curious money. He was accompanied with an armed guard. (Charley Hyde says he remembers an elephant tail and some african coins that were the fee for a wife.)

July 22, 1942: Holmes H. Cessna was nominated for district secretary of A.N.A and was appointed.

June 1944: William L. Wilson

Highlights - Continued

received letter from A.N.A informing him he was nominated for Board of Governors He was elected.

November 15, 1944: Mr. Joseph V. Stack visited and gave an inspiring talk along with excellent coin displays with emphasis on American Colonial Coins.

February 14, 1945: Lewis M. Reagan, General Secretary of A.N.A. and Abe Kosoff was here. It was a pleasure to listen to Mr. Kosoff and view his display. Mr. Reagan said he was cognizant of widespread and aggressive interest in numismatics thru this section of Maryland, Pennsylvania West Virginia and gave Western Maryland Coin Club credit for much of it.

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We wish to welcome also our new member club:

APL COIN CLUB

Member Number 477: Brian Kestner of Millbrae, Calif. was accepted as Life Member Number 14 at the Executive Board meeting in September.

Left to right: Maryland State Numismatic Association's officers for 1984: Bill Swagler, Treasurer, Carl Shrader, Vice President; Tom Reichelderfer, President and David McDonald, Secretary.

Three Cheers for CARL SHRADER, our former secretary and current vice president. Just in case you haven't heard Carl has been officially named as the General Chairman for the ANA Convention of 1985.

The Maryland State Numismatic Association, Inc.

September 4, 1983
2:05 P.M.
Sheraton Hotel and Exhibition Center
New Carrollton, Maryland

Maryland State Numismatic Association's Annual meeting was called to order by President Will Mumford, on the last day of the 11th Annual Show and Coin Convention. NO attendance was taken.

Minutes were distributed with no comment; approved.

Treasurer's report was updated with no written copies. Estimate of show expenses and income delayed until a final report can be prepared. Raffle looks good with several hundred dollars overage above cost.

Nominating Committee report by Bill Lenz. Good return; 72 ballots. NO candidate had any opposition except one write-in. Elected for one year are:

President - Tom Reichelderfer
Vice President - Carl Shrader
Treasurer - Bill Swagler
Secretary - Dave McDonald

Installation to follow business meeting.

Mumford, for the Association, thanked Bob Ruby for an excellent job as the 1983 General Chairman. There were more than the usual challenges because of the new site, five Clubs as host and attendant coordination difficulties.

Old Business: Pete Burris, Baltimore Coin Club, expects to join with MSNA to split the cost for the 1985 ANA Hospitality. Other clubs may be invited to cooperate. Motion: Henry Westphal, "Express our thanks to the Baltimore Coin Club for stepping forward and offering 50% of the cost. Refer to ANA Committee for further action." 2nd and passed.

Announcements: Carl Shrader was appointed General Chairman for the 1985 Baltimore National ANA Convention by the ANA Board at its Annual Meeting in San Diego. Mumford called for help from all MSNA Clubs.

Bob Ruby reported that the Maryland TAMS Millard W. Hajek Best Exonumia Award for the Annual MSNA Show Exhibit will be a continuing Award.

Fall seminar - Tom Reichelderfer raised the question that this event is due to take place either the 1st or 2nd week in November and no Committee has been appointed, no speakers contacted, no location chosen. Mumford wants

the Evergreen House and will make the necessary contacts, he will chair as outlined in the Board minutes August 13, 1983.

New Business: Shrader read a letter addressed to him from John S. Downes, Director of Marketing and Sales, Sheraton Hotel and Exhibition Center, New Carrollton reserving dates for the next MSNA Show. Jack Pryor, moved: "The 1984 Convention dates will be Thursday, August 23 - set up, 24, 25, 26 - 12th Annual Show, and Shrader to contact the Hotel to accept the space reservations and ask for a contract." 2nd Bill Ayres; Passed.

Bill Lenz asked that a thank-you letter be written to Karen True complimenting her and the Hotel. Bob Ruby, General Chairman will follow-up.

A full show critique is due at the next meeting.

Bill Ayres raised several questions regarding the election of officers and scheduling the 1983 Show in conjunction with the ANA Convention. Installation of officers will complete the Baltimore ANA Convention.

Ayres questioned if a fee is due Paul Singleton for Security as the SPS Security fee does not cover Singleton. Deferred to meeting for show critique. Ayres is concerned that Blaisdell is trying to kill the Sunday Show day using Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Again differed to show critique.

The Editor of the "Maryland Numismatist" needs resumes and pictures of officers. Next issue due out in October. Paid membership 160, 20 clubs are paid up.

Jesse Martin asked for direction when referencing people to Clubs and naming the Club President as the point of contact. The current "Maryland Numismatist" has a new listing for this. Alexandria Coin Club places Red Books in their local Libraries and each book identifies people and phone numbers to be used if potential members need help.

Mumford asked that a list be made up from the Club information sheets and mailed to all member clubs. Westphal suggested each Club Rep be the point of contact and carry information back to the Clubs.

Detroit ANA Committee - will be set up in 1984 so a MSNA group can visit the Detroit Show. Ideas are needed for promoting Baltimore in 1985. Phil and John Greenslet were added to the list published in the previous meeting minutes.

Maryland TAMS is interested in finding funding for Dave Schenkman to produce a Maryland Token Book. He published a book in Virginia and request MANA to help underwrite. Mumford asked that MSNA and TAMS sit down together and look at the legal problems. A marketing plan needs to be worked out; copyrights, where does the income GO, etc., must be addressed.

Mumford - "Pleasure for me to have served as your President for the past two years and five months." MSNA has grown with boundaries now extending beyond Maryland into Delaware and Virginia. Good program in Speakers Bureau, Best of Show Awards from MSNA to local clubs, sponsorship of small shows whereby MSNA "puts up the front money" as a no interest loan to the clubs to set up their own small show - if the show fails MSNA stands the loss not the club. He commends the Maryland State Numismatic Association for the many things they do and offer the member clubs. John Henry and Henry Westphal's dreams are coming true.

Thanks from all in attendance with a prolonged applause.

New officer installation and swearing in by outgoing President Will Mumford.

Dr. Tom Reichelderfer took the podium and thanked the past President for a successful annual meeting and two years of growth. He also thanked Bob Ruby, for a good show.

In a short address he stated "the Maryland State Numismatic Assocation will be as effective as the number of members that belong to it. This is a very important thing to keep in mind; one of our goals in the coming year will be to increase the membership of this organization. We must do this for our Clubs and have them to participate more in our programs."

With no further business being on the agenda a motion was called for and passed for adjournment.

Carl M. Shrader
Secretary

Steve Taylor converses with
Bryce Doxson at the Satureday
Educational Program.

For those of you who declare Earl don't own a coat and tie & wouldn't know what to do with them if he did - OBSERVE.

++++WESTERN MARYLAND COIN CLUB++++

Below Left: Martin Johnson's friend, Captain Winfield H. Adam, USCG Retired. Martin was supposed to be the Master of Ceremonies but Winfield did most of the work ( and very well done).

Below Right: Every time we see Betty Waingold she is busy with the log istical supoort of the club. I think everyone will agree does a grœat job.

## OUR MEMBER CLUBS REPORT

By this letterhead we recognize our member club CHEVERLY-PAK COIN CLUB. Their monthly newsletter is put out by Bob Colcock and Art Snider is the auctioneer. Directors are: Lou Buttice; Sandra Emme; Joe Lawrence and Tom Urman.

Officers Are:
Dave Wilder - President
Art Snider - Vice Pres
Bob Colcock - Sec/Treas

As we reported in previous issues FORT COIN CLUB has had some rough sledding. We are happy to report that they are again moving forward. They are meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:30 pm, at SEALANDAIR ( Recreation Center #2) Fort Meade, Maryland. They have elected as officers:

Dave Thaxter - President
Max McGaughey - Vice Pres
Gordon Johnson - Secretary and Librarian
Ray Leafgreen - Treasurer
Joe Allen - M. A. L.

( Gordon: I'll ask the obvious question - what is the office M.A.L.?)

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COIN CLUB had a special Young Numismatist program presented by Sandra Emme at their August meeting. May we remind everyone that PGCCC changed their meeting place to the basement of the Youth Building at the Lanham United Methodist Church, 5512 Whitefield Chapel Road, Lanham, Md. On exhibit at their August meeting were: Fractional Currency - Ron Pippin English Proof Set - Tom Urman Souvenir Sheets - Joe Clarke. At their September meeting the members of PGCCC were treated to an outstanding presentation on early paper money by Chuck O Donnell.

Sandy Emme, Editor of the PG Newsletter provided us with the following report: On Sep. 20, 1983, a bus filled with numismatists of all ages from local Washington, D.C., area coin clubs converged upon the Philadelphia Mint.

Upon completion of a tour of the mint they were treated to a special tour by Elizabeth Jones, Chief Sculptor, Engraver. The group met Miss Jones and she generously signed brochures from Olympic silver dollars and George Washington Half Dollars which she designed.

She treated the group to a tour of the Engraving Division where all the master coinage dies, official insignia and medal dies used by the mint or

manufactured by the Bureau for other government agencies are designed and engraved. It was facinating to observe plastilene models being made of future coins (U.S. gold medallions) and a galvano being reduced to prepare a master die for an Olympic Coin.

Member Dave Wilder organized the trip.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COIN CLUB's program chairman, Walt Miller, presented a question & answer program on U.S. Cents. One of his questions was how many varities were struck in 1982? Anyone knowing the answer received a package containing one of each of the 7. They didn't tell us how many of the members received the pennies. Bob Cottington exhibited a 1982 Vatican Set - 4th Yr, John Paul, at the meeting.

KENT COIN CLUB's Report of the July meeting begins "and the meeting got started on time." ( I wonder what their problem is?) Member Vince Acko organized their picnic and it seems he wound up with someones spoon after it was over(what's with this club anyhow?). It seems also that they are changing their address to P.O. Box 894. (They just bought a new batch of letterheads with the old box number - July just wasn't their month - was it?)

Steve Taylor received a 1982 past president's medal (and if you want to hear what Steve did to your editor read my report of our Cumberland trip). Terry Bryan gave a summary of Jefferson Nickel collecting for the evening's educational program.

We also read in their report of their July meeting that the junior attendance prize was awarded to Robert Bean. What we find most interesting is the statement "The requirement that the winn er return for his prize next month (with a short presentation to give on it)." It would seem many of our clubs have novel approaches to collecting & collectors At their August meeting Marc DeBloois won the junior prize, and 1883 "no cents" nickel & in order to get it will have to give a talk in September. Their August program was by Steve Taylor on the basic principals of paper money collecting; WITH SLIDES.

HARFORD COIN HUSKERS report another outstanding annual pic nic and crab feast. This gala year's event was held at the home of our deceased member RAY GORDON. Our host of the day was his wife Vera. Some outstanding items of entertainment such as horseshoes, darts, raw egg toss, badminton, etc. Walt Wheeler was

HARFORD COIN HUSKERS continued

awarded the status of "paid up life member" by club president Harry Whitsel.

ALEXANDRIA COIN CLUB reports that until further notice they will meet at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St, Alexandria, Va. Their November and December meetings may be changed to the 3rd Wednesday (instead of the 4th). Jesse Martin, President of ACC is proposing they set up a group of volunteers to visit schools, libraries or other locations where they might pass on information on numismatics. He is also proposing they put red books and other publications in areas where the public may make use of them. The area he is considering is any part of Maryland and Virginia where ACC has members. Good work and Good luck Jesse.

REPORT OF THE 1983 RAFFLE

Ben Elkins of the Baltimore Coin Club and Donna Elkins individually sold the greatest amount of tickets. Lew Ess of the Carroll County Coin Club was second.

The clubs that sold the most tickets, in order, are as follows:

#1- Baltimore Coin Club
#2- Colonial Coin Club
#3- Carroll County Coin Cl
#4- Associated Coin Clubs
#5- Alexandria Coin Club
#6- Catonsville Coin Club
#7- Prince George's Coin C
#8- Cheverly Coin Club
#9- Andrews Air Force Base

"Pete" Burris

Marvin "Pete" Burris
Raffle Chairman

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Below Left - Charles Hyde and right Martin Johnson only surviving Charter Members of the Club. Both are both long time members of MSNA.

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The Executive Board of MSNA met at the home of Tom Reichelderfer on the coast of the Chesapeake Bay near the Bay Bridge the evening of Friday 16 September 1983. In attendance were:

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| Tom Reichelderfer - President | Bill Ayres - Editor -Numismatist |
| Carl Shrader - Vice President | Bob Ruby - 1983 Convention Chair man |
| Bill Swager - Treasurer | |
| Will Mumford - Past President | Greg Ruby - 1983 Show Publicity |

Carl Shrader presented the minutes of the annual meeting which were read and discussed.

Our fall seminar is to be held at the Evergreen House on November 6, and will cost us $150. plus $2. for each attendee. Bill Swagler is going to arrange refreshments. Carl is going to introduce an ANA workshop to move forward with our requirements for the 1985 Convention. Chuck O'Donnell has indicated to Carl that we should already be well on our way to selecting designs for souvenir sheets and a medal for the show. Carl will contact Ed Rochett's secretary to see what advice and help she can offer.

Bob Ruby gave a report on the 1983 Convention and Show. In the gold raffle, Joseph Kesecker of Glendale, Md, won the $20 gold; Hilton L. Torreyson, Jr. of Newburgh, Md., the $5 gold and Just Rite Coins of New York won the $2½ gold. We had 131 dealers on the floor and 19 exhibitors presented 44 cases of exhibits. 3 of the 19 were junior exhibitors. Thurs day nights special dealer meet attracted 22 who came from several different states: New York, California, New Hampshire, New Jersey, etc. and donated $550.00 in checks to be presented to the Cancer Fund. Arrangements are to be made to make a presentation to some officical of the Fund. 1104 door prize tickets were issued over the 3 days of the show and $613 in raffle tickets were sold at the door. $204. in souvenir sheets were also sold at the door. The raffle brought in a grand total of $1660.00. Three member clubs sold in excess of $100 in tickets: Carroll County $125; Coin Huskers $120. and Baltimore $300. We wish to obtain the names of those selling large quantities so we can list them in the bulletin. We had good reports from all of the dealers we talked to.

Discussion of the auction pointed out we have much to do in this area. Advertising of the auction was extremely difficult because we did not have a contract, nor had we reached a final understanding until after the show had actually started. It is very apparent that we must move much faster in arranging details.

Numerous weak points that developed were discussed. Communication broke down on some prime occassions; there seemed to be no coordination in the D. C. area and there was a tendency on the parts of some of the chairman to make arrangements without checking to see how these fitted in with the aims and goals of MSNA. The need to hold more meetings in the area, with the people concerned, was apparent.

MINUTES - Executive Board Meeting of 16 Sep 1983 - Cont.

The size of the meeting rooms came under strong criticism. One possible solution might be to rent a room in another area and bus the participants to and from the meetings.

Will Mumford raised the question of starting a coin cabinet for MSNA to which interested individuals could make donations. He stated he was aware of certain material which would be donated if suitable accomodations were made. There was considerable discussion on this due to the many problems which could arise: i.e. insurance; storage; restrictive requirements on the part of donaters and management. These are not insurmountable and most of those present were receptive to the idea but it was obvious that much groundwork remains to be done.

Tom Reichelderfer is going to be out of the country for three weeks beginning 22 October.

Contract for 1984 is going to have to be checked more closely to ascertain that problems we have identified are taken out. These include the hours of operation of the concession stand; provision of sufficient trash receptacles, collection of trash regularly; supply of a telephone line for the auctioneer's computor so he wouldn't disrupt the operation of the main desk as he did this year.

There was a news release in the September 3rd copy of Numismatic News that was apparently not sent in by the people who were handling advertising.

There are indications that CONECA would like to hold a dealer's session in conjunction with a major east coast show. What they would like is to have an area on the show floor where they could congregate all of their dealers- they might have as many as 30. Bob was told to proceed with this and if it comes to fruitation to notify Earl that this is the wish of the Board.

Bill Swagler informed us he is in the process of changing our accounts from the First National Bank to Baltimore Federal.

While no date was set for the next meeting of the Board of Directors of MSNA, the time frame of mid November was established.

Respectfully Submitted
William R. Ayres, Jr.
Recorder

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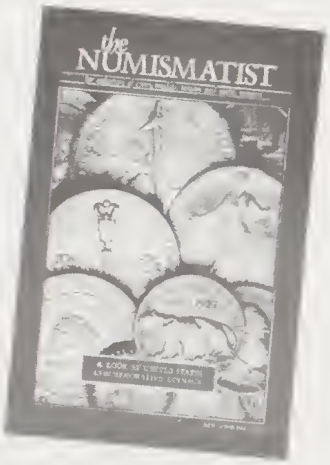


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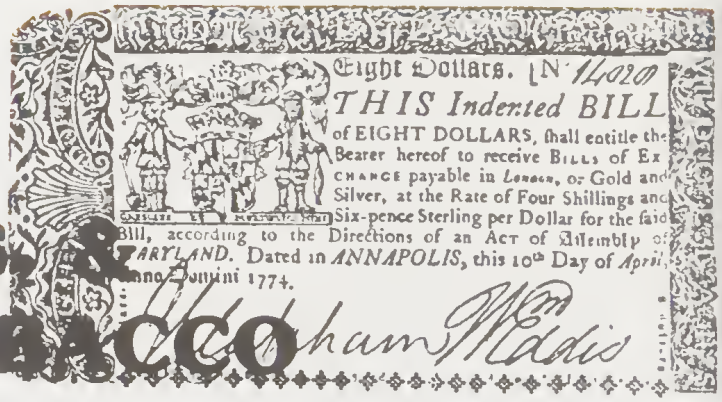
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# BITS, BILLS & TOBACCO

by Will Mumford

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How often I have wished I could close my eyes and find myself with a famous person of the past, or find myself a part of a great historical event. How fascinating it would be to serve a day with General Washington during the American Revolutionary War; or to man a bunker at Fort McHenry and witness the flight of Old Glory with your own eyes; or to march through the Maryland countryside with Lee, Jackson, or McClellan (depending upon your allegiance); or to see the new President Abraham Lincoln being secretly conveyed through the streets of Baltimore at 3:30a.m. to avoid an assasination attempt. How often I walk the streets of Annapolis and imagine the splender of the colonial days when Annapolis was the "Athens of America."

I walk to the foot of Cornhill Street and ponder the tales that could be told by 10 or 14 Cornhill... if only those homes could talk! The mysteries of John Chalmers might be solved. Observing the two homes that we know were owned by John Chalmers, I picture in my mind a young colonial gentleman emerging, he desends the steps. I intercept him and for the next hour or two I learn the secrets of the Annapolis Shilling.

Fantasies are wonderful! From them we enjoy romantic adventures allowing history to take the course we steer. But life is not so pure and unravelling the footnotes of history proves frustrating and not so simple.

During the past few years members of the John Chalmers Society have been engaged in research, with the primary purpose of finding as much as possible about the life and times of the Annapolitan silversmith, who in 1783, struck the first coins in the United States of America. Locating his workshop would also locate the first mint in the new nation and the oldest mint in America. What a numismatic coup this would be! But alas, no documentation, secret diaries, newspapers, wills, or deeds have surfaced to allow such a claim to be made... the search continues.

However, during the process of conducting research, many interesting tid-bits of information relating to the economic and financial conditions of colonial times have been uncovered. Marylanders can point with great pride to their numismatic heritage. The Lord Baltimore coins were struck before the famous Massachusetts Pine Tree coinage; Maryland had one of the most successful experiences with paper money, and of course, the Chalmers coins were the first struck in the new nation. We have had, through the years, some of the most famous collections and some of the most noteworthy numismatists. We indeed have a rich numismatic heritage.

As in all the colonies, Marylanders found the lack of hard currency a serious problem. England supplied very little coin to her colonies, hence hard cash was scarce and any available coins were readily accepted by the colonist. Coins of many countries circulated side by side, the most common being the Spanish Milled Dollar valued at 8 reales. This was the famous "piller dollar" or "pieces of eight" of pirate fame. For lack of small change this famous dollar was often cut into its fractional parts each section being a "bit", or one-eighth of a dollar. A quarter of a dollar consisted of two "bits" and a half dollar was four "bits"... terms still in common use today.

Because of the scarcity of coins all colonies issued paper money and employed bills of exchange for transactions with other colonies and the English trade.

But the most common form of currency in Maryland was its chief crop... tobacco. Tobacco warehouses served as colonial banks, wages were paid in pounds of tobacco and the success of the tobacco crop determined the status of the economy.

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If your club would like a speaker for your program or if you would agree to have your name listed as a volunteer speaker contact:

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The following list was compiled from the recent club information survey. If you want your name added to the list complete the form behind the roster.

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